

**IIHF SEASON SUMMARY**

**2019  
/  
2020**



**INTERNATIONAL  
ICE HOCKEY  
FEDERATION**









*Akil Thomas led  
Canada to a comeback  
victory and World Junior  
gold in Ostrava.*

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IIHF  
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ICE HOCKEY  
U18 WOMEN'S WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
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Bratislava

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ZIMNÝ STADIÓN  
VLADIMÍR COBUREK

Team USA all smiles  
after winning gold at  
the U18 Women's  
World Championship

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REBELS



LAUSANNE  
2020



GREEN LEAFS

VS

REBELS



LAUS  
2.0







*The Youth Olympic Games 3-on-3 cross-ice tournament drew a crowd in Lausanne.*

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*Japan beat Sweden  
to win the 2020 Youth  
Olympic women's ice  
hockey tournament.*

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# SUMMARY



# REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

**With an ice hockey season suddenly halted due to a pandemic, the IIHF and its members have had to make incredible efforts to adapt and overcome.**

In this challenging year, I must begin the 2019/2020 IIHF Season Summary with best wishes and good health to all our Member National Associations, from officials, to players, fans, hockey moms and dads, and everyone who has been affected by the events of this past year.

I would like to begin this report by highlighting some of the positives that came out of the season. We witnessed two exceptional IIHF World Junior and IIHF Ice Hockey Women's U18 tournaments conclude in January, the former with a wild come-from-behind victory for Canada against Russia in a well-fought game for both teams, the latter a thrilling overtime victory for Team USA against Canada in Bratislava.

These and other junior tournaments set the table for a memorable set of ice hockey events at the 2020 Youth Olympic Games in Lausanne, Switzerland. It was simply amazing to watch the 3-on-3 Mixed NOC cross-ice men's and women's tournaments. Witnessing such talented players from so many of our member federations come together and play incredible hockey was an emotional experience. I commend the IIHF Sport Department for its hard work in putting this incredible project together and showing the best aspects of teamwork, fair play, and respect to the world.

But this good feeling was not to last. Ice hockey, together with the rest of the sporting world, soon took a backseat as COVID-19 swept across the planet, impacting our daily lives and our ability to travel, meet, and take part in sport together.

It is no exaggeration to say that the coronavirus caused the most serious disruption to the IIHF since World War II. In all, we were forced to cancel 19 IIHF tournaments, including the 2020 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

It hurt to go onto the IIHF website and instead of upcoming dates to see the words "CANCELLED" next to so many events. Each cancelled tournament has a significant impact, not just on the organizers, but on the Member National Associations travelling to compete in the tournament, on the players and

coaches needing these games to further their development, and on the fans who want to see their country perform on the ice.

It can be difficult to see a silver lining in all this, but if we can say one thing for certain, it is that even with such a heavy disruption to the season the IIHF remains strong, willing, and able to support our members through this difficult time.

Running a federation when everything is going well is one thing, it is when a crisis hits that true leadership is counted on.

This is why I am inspired with the mutual cooperation, support, and unity displayed between the IIHF Office, the IIHF Council, and our members during this difficult time. Once we became aware of the threat posed by COVID-19 to the IIHF season, the Council initiated a set of weekly briefings to stay in close communications with the IIHF Office and the Member National Associations. We made a sincere effort both to inform our tournament organizers and participating teams of impending cancellations, and to obtain as much information as possible on how each of our MNAs was facing the COVID-19 challenge and where the IIHF could help.

We are not out of the woods yet, already we have had to cancel ten tournaments for the 2020/21 season. But in doing so, we are preserving our capability to financially support and protect our members as much as possible.

*"We will get through this and we will do so together and come back stronger than ever."*





The IIHF will also continue to work to set itself up for a strong return when things get back to normal. One of the positive moments of the past season happened during the 2019 IIHF Semi-Annual-Congress. In Rome, Congress voted to approve the new IIHF-Infront partnership extension, ensuring strong financial support and stability well into the future for the World Championship.

Following the conclusion of the Semi-Annual Congress, we were blessed to be granted a Papal Audience in the Vatican, to hear some inspiring words from His Holiness Pope Francis. Through this troubled time, we remain on a mission to grow the game of ice hockey and bring the joy of sport to all nations and peoples across the world.

In the meantime, we will continue to talk with our members and navigate our way to better days ahead. We will get through this and we will do so together and come back stronger than ever.



**RENÉ FASEL**  
IIHF President

Vladislav Tretiak and René Fasel awarding Team Canada's Barrett Hayton with the World Junior Trophy in Ostrava.  
Photo: Matt Zambonin/HHOF-IIHF Images



# REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY



Although the past season was a trial for the IIHF, its membership, and partners, it was also a season of strong collaborative action and confident investment in the future of the federation.

We began the season with the 2019 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress in Rome, Italy. In addition to a memorable visit to the Vatican and Papal audience, the IIHF membership voted to approve the extension of the IIHF's partnership with Infront Sports & Media until 2033. The new agreement with Infront has been structured in order to allow the IIHF and Infront to mutually adapt to ongoing changes in the industry, as digital media continues to cross the traditional boundaries of the broadcast and sponsorship landscape in the coming years.

Over the 10-year period it foresees guaranteed payments and the provision of comprehensive media, marketing and digital services by Infront in the value of more than CHF 500 million. On top of this the parties will have equal share in the exploitation of new and innovative sources of revenues, such as sport and fan data.

I would like to commend the hard work of the IIHF Negotiation Group, chaired by IIHF Vice-President Bob Nicholson, for maintaining an extensive and transparent negotiation process. This new deal will help to secure long-term financial security and allow us to explore new opportunities for future growth to match the speed of technological development.

This was a very positive start to a season that would subsequently go on to test many of the IIHF's internal support structures and safety nets, as midway through the season COVID-19 struck and forced the cancellation of 19 IIHF tournaments, including the flagship World Championship that was set to take place in Zurich and Lausanne.

The scope of the pandemic and its effect on the IIHF and its members was difficult to manage, but some positive news can be found in the midst of this crisis. The IIHF was fully reimbursed for the cancelled World Championship by its insurance company, which is a testament to our foresight and



planning to ensure such a force majeure event would not cripple the IIHF's ability to service its members.

Out of the insurance payout, the IIHF was able to subsequently distribute over 7 million Swiss Francs to its members via a COVID-19 Relief Fund.

Together with the cancelled tournament, the IIHF was also forced to cancel the Annual Congress that was set to take place in Zurich in May 2020. Instead we adapted and organized a special Extra-Ordinary Congress, and through the use of a TV studio in Zurich we were able to connect online with our

*The IIHF-Infront prolongation will help secure long-term financial security and allow us to explore opportunities for future growth to match the speed of technological development.*



The first-ever IIHF Esport Fan Championship took place in May-June 2020.

membership for the first time since the Semi-Annual Congress in Rome.

I would like to thank the IIHF Technology Department for their hard work in organizing the Extra-Ordinary Virtual Congress, and also the preceding Information Session between the MNAs and the IIHF President, which was also conducted online. I thank also our MNAs for their active participation and good communication with the IIHF throughout this past season.

We had some notable turnover at the IIHF office. Christian Hofstetter has vacated his interim position as Marketing & Communication Department to focus on heading the Sport Department as Director. Michaela Albrecht has resigned from her position as Sport Coordinator. Administration Coordinator Leana Meier will be moving to the Sport Department to take over Michaela's position.

In Christian's place, the IIHF has engaged Shelby Mull as its new Marketing & Communications Director. Marketing Manager Piet Heer also left the IIHF to explore new opportunities.

New Media Manager Kevin Mark and Technology Manager Marco Josuran left the Technology Department. The department welcomed Pascal Leu as its new Data Manager.

We wish good luck to all of the staff members in the next stage of their careers.



**HORST LICHTNER**  
IIHF General Secretary



# IIHF COUNCIL 2016–2021

## BIOGRAPHIES

### RENÉ FASEL (SUI) PRESIDENT



Born on 6 February, 1950 in Fribourg, Switzerland. Graduated from the University of Berne. As a referee officiated 37 international games including the 1980 IIHF World Junior Championship in Helsinki. In 1985 became the President of the Swiss Association and in 1986 was elected to IIHF Council. Former chairman of both the IIHF Referee and the IIHF Marketing Committees. Chairman of the Coordination Commission for the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver. IIHF President since 1994, member of the IOC since 1995 and elected to its Executive Committee in 2008. Recipient of the French Legion of Honour Award in 2004. Recipient of Russia's Order of People's Friendship in 2011.

### KALERVO KUMMOLA (FIN) VICE PRESIDENT- EUROPE & AFRICA



Born on 21 November, 1945 in Raisio, Finland. IIHF Council Member since 1998. Elected Vice President in 2003. Managing Director of the Finnish Hockey League between 1975 and 1987. Board Member of the Finnish Ice Hockey Association since 1975, Vice President in 1990 and President in 1997. Member of the IIHF Sport Committee from 1982 until 1998 and Finnish delegate to IIHF Congress since 1976. Former Chairman of the IIHF Championship Structure, Championship Bid and Disciplinary Committees. Current Chairman of TV/New Media/Marketing Committee and Event & Evaluation Committee.

### BOB NICHOLSON (CAN) VICE PRESIDENT- AMERICAS



Born on 27 May, 1953 in Vancouver, Canada. Became Chief Executive Officer and Vice-Chairman of the Oilers Entertainment Group in Edmonton in 2014. Served as President and CEO of Hockey Canada between 1998 and 2014. Senior vice-president of the Canadian Hockey Association

from 1992 to 1998 and Vice-President of programs with the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association from 1990 to 1991. Inducted into the B.C. Hockey Hall of Fame in 2004. Former Chairman of Competition & Inline Committee and Development & Coaching Committee. Current Chairman of IIHF Player Safety Committee.

### THOMAS WU (HKG) VICE PRESIDENT- ASIA & OCEANIA



Born on 3 September 1972 in Hong Kong, Wu serves as Deputy Chief Executive (Hotel Operations) of Hopewell Holdings Limited. He was selected "Young Global Leader" in 2006 by the World Economic Forum and received several awards recognising good corporate governance practices. Served in different government advisory roles in Hong Kong and China. Localised ice hockey by co-founding the Hong Kong Amateur Hockey Club in 2001, now a cornerstone for hockey development in Hong Kong, and establishing the Hong Kong Academy of Ice Hockey in 2007. Chairman of Asian Strategic Planning Group since 2013.

### LUC TARDIF (FRA) TREASURER



Born on 29 March, 1953 in Trois-Rivières, Canada. Tardif played ice hockey in his native country from age 3 to university level. He came to Europe in 1975 where he played in Brussels (Belgium) before moving to France in 1978 to play for Chamonix and later Rouen. After his player career, the dual Canadian-French citizenship holder was in charge of Rouen's youth ice hockey program for several years. In 2000, he was appointed head of the ice hockey department at the French Ice Sports Federation. In 2006, he was elected as first President of the newly created French Ice Hockey Federation, a position he was re-elected for in 2010, 2014, and 2018. Named Chef de Mission of the French delegation for the 2014 and 2018 Olympic Winter Games. Former member of IIHF Competition Committee and current Chairman of IIHF Finance Committee.

### ZSUZSANNA KOLBENHEYER (HUN)



Born on 3 July, 1977 in Budapest, Hungary. Kolbenheyer was the first registered female ice hockey player in Hungary, starting her career in 1990. She represented Hungary in 55 games with the national team. After her playing career she became the general manager of the women's national teams. As a lawyer she has been a member of the Hungarian Ice Hockey Federation's Disciplinary Committee since 2009, and member of the governing board since 2012. Chairwoman of IIHF Women's Committee since 2013. She is married and has three children.

### MARTA ZAWADZKA (POL)



Born on 11 June 1982 in Katowice, Poland. Graduated at the Academy of Physical Education in Katowice in Sport Management and at the Silesian University in Marketing and Management. Worked as an ice hockey referee with an international licence from 2010 to 2014. Became a member of the women's hockey committee of the Polish Ice Hockey Federation in 2008. In 2012 became a Polish Ice Hockey Federation council member responsible for women's hockey and of the referee committee (2015/2016). General Manager of senior and junior U18 women's national team. LOC member for Eurobasket 2009, Women's Eurobasket 2011, World Men's Volleyball Championships 2014, European Handball Championships EHF Euro 2016, international football games and cycling tours. Co-chair of IIHF Officiating Committee and Women's Committee.

### HENRIK BACH NIELSEN (DEN)



Born on 12 July, 1966, in Herning, Denmark. Bach Nielsen served as a board member of Danish club AaB Aalborg for five years until 2005 when he was elected to the Board of the Danish Ice Hockey Association. In 2007, he was elected President of the Danish Ice



Hockey Association. Bach Nielsen was a member of the Danish Sport Confederation's Media Committee 2006–2010. He is educated in Political Science and has held executive positions in a major Danish broadcaster company. Currently, he is the owner and President of a real estate development company. Former member of IIHF Facilities & Environment Committee. Chairman of IIHF Medical Committee since 2013.

**PETR BRIZA  
(CZE)**



Born on 9 December 1964 in Prague, then Czechoslovakia. Graduated from the Faculty of Physical Education and Sport at Charles University in Prague. Played 23 years in three top elite European hockey leagues and in seven IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships and three Olympic Winter Games. After retiring in 2006, started to work at the hockey club Sparta Prague as General Manager and later Chairman of the Board. Helped established the league association Hockey Europe and the European Trophy club competition, succeeded by the Champions Hockey League where he acts as a board member. In 2008 became a member of the Executive Committee of the Czech Ice Hockey Association and its Vice President. Chairman of the Prague Organizing Committee for the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. Former member of IIHF Coordination Committee. Chairman of Youth & Junior Development Committee.

**SERGEJ GONTCHAROV  
(BLR)**



Born in Chemnitz, Germany, on 30 September 1983. Studied international sports management at the ISW Business School in Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany, and graduated with an international sports manager diploma. Assistant to the general manager for the Ice Hockey Federation of Russia from 2004 to 2007, staff member at three World Championships and three World Junior Championships. General Secretary of the Belarusian Ice

Hockey Association from 2007 and 2011. Team leader at several World Championships and the 2010 Olympics. Elected as Vice President of the BIHA board in 2016. Former member of IIHF Event Committee. Chairman of IIHF Officiating Committee.

**RON DEGREGORIO  
(USA)**



Born in Boston, USA, on 3 September 1946. Received a BA from Middlebury College in 1969. He also has a Master Degree in Financial Services (MSFS) from the American College. Involved in ice hockey as a player, coach, owner, and administrator since 1971. Former President of USA Hockey and its Foundation, currently serving as chairman of both organizations. Selected in 2003 as recipient of the prestigious "Lester Patrick Award" presented by the NHL for service to hockey in the USA. He was inducted in the United States Hockey Hall of Fame in December 2015. Currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto, Canada. Former member of IIHF Insurance Committee and IIHF Legal Committee. Chairman of IIHF Governance Reform Group.

**FRANZ REINDL  
(GER)**



Born in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, on 24 November 1954. Represented Germany in nine IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships, three Olympic Winter Games and one Canada Cup. Won the Olympic bronze medal in Innsbruck 1976. Joined the German Ice Hockey Association in 1991 as an assistant to the technical director and national team assistant coach. Worked as Sport Director, General Secretary and since 2014 as President. Former CEO of the DEL. General Secretary of the Organizing Committees for the 2001 and 2010 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships in Germany and CEO of the Organizing Committee for the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Germany and France. President of Team Europe for the 2016 World Cup

of Hockey by the NHL and NHLPA. Former member of IIHF Sport Committee, IIHF Competition Committee and IIHF Coordination Committee. Former Co-Chair of Competition & Inline Committee. Current Chair of IIHF Competition & Coordination Committee.

**VLADISLAV TRETIAK  
(RUS)**



Born on 25 April, 1952 in Orudievo, Russia. As a goaltender Tretiak won three Olympic gold medals (1972, 1976, 1984) and ten World Championships (1970–1971, 1973–1975, 1978–1979, 1981–1983) with the Soviet national team, and nine European Cups and 13 Soviet championships with CSKA Moscow. He was acknowledged best goaltender of the century during the IIHF's 100-year anniversary. Tretiak was in the International Olympic Committee's Athletes' Commission between 1981 and 1991 and worked as a goalie consultant for the Chicago Blackhawks between 1991 and 2003. He was an assistant coach of the Russian national team at several occasions including the 1998 and 2002 Olympic Winter Games. Tretiak has been a member of the Russian State Duma (parliament) since 2003. In 2006 he was elected President of the Ice Hockey Federation of Russia, a position he has held since.

**HORST LICHTNER (GER)  
GENERAL SECRETARY**



Born on 31 August, 1959 in Essen, Germany. Started as a personal assistant to the President of the German NOC, Dr. Daume and went on to leading marketing positions in various sports companies (ISL, CWL, TEAM). In 2001, he joined the German Football Association as Marketing Director. Became General Secretary of the IIHF in 2006. In 2007 he became General Secretary of the AIOWF. He was also involved in the organization of the 1993, 1996 and 1997 IIHF World Championships.





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# IIHF SEMI-ANNUAL CONGRESS

## ROME, ITALY

### 26 SEPTEMBER 2019

All enclosures available on IIHF Intranet

#### Report of IIHF Activities

#### REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President welcomed all Congress Members to Rome, Italy.

He gave a special welcome to IIHF Life Members Frank Gonzalez, Hans Dobida, Beate Grupp, Philippe Lacarrière and Alexander Steblin. A special welcome was also given to the CEO of the IIHF marketing partner Infront Sports & Media AG, Philippe Blatter and his colleagues, the NHLPA Executive Director Don Fehr, KHL Vice-President Georgy Kobylansky and Alexei Morozov, Lanny McDonald from the Hockey Hall of Fame, Irina Gladkikh from the IOC, Duan (Lilly) Jufang and Harry Springfield from BOCOG, the IIHF Auditors Fabio Oetterli and Christer Englund, and many other guests.

Warmly welcomed were also the new Presidents and General Secretaries of Member National Associations (MNAs), who were elected since the last IIHF Congress:

##### \_ Vahram Sargsyan

President of the Ice Hockey Federation of Armenia

##### \_ Jan Hopstaken

President of the Ice Hockey Association of the Netherlands

##### \_ Miroslav Satan

President of the Slovak Ice Hockey Federation

The President also informed the Congress about the applications of Algeria, Colombia, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Greece, Uzbekistan regarding membership of the IIHF.

The President then asked to honour the members of the ice hockey family who had passed away since the 2019 IIHF Annual Congress in Bratislava, Slovakia:

- Juhanni Walsten
- Gino Pasqualoto
- Hagmud Mikkel
- Greg Johnson
- Jan Hrbati

Congress honoured these distinguished hockey people with a moment of silence.

The President then addressed the finance aspect and thanked the IIHF Treasurer Luc Tardif, the IIHF Finance Committee, the IIHF Auditors, IIHF Finance Director Gion Veraguth and IIHF General Secretary Horst Lichtner for their hard work in this respect. The President informed the Congress that the IIHF is financially in a very good shape.

Furthermore, the President spoke about the 2022 Winter Olympic games in China and stated that the negotiation and cooperation with BOCOG and the Chinese Ice Hockey Association runs perfectly. The President also took this opportunity to thank IIHF Vice President Thomas Wu, Duan (Lilly) Jufang and Harry Springfield for their work in this regard. Lastly, the President indicated that the IIHF is working with the NHL and NHLPA to find an agreement regarding the participation of the NHL players in the 2022 Winter Games. The goal of the IIHF is to have a decision as soon as possible.

The President congratulated the President of the Italian Ice Sports Federation, Andrea Gios, with the successful bid for the organization of the 2026 Olympic Winter Games in Milano and Cortina D'Ampezzo. The President said that this was a pretty unusual bid and that the long distances between the different settings will be a challenge. He pointed out that the IIHF's experience with the Olympic Winter Games of 2006 in Torino was not the best, especially from a sustainability point of view and therefore he wishes that the 2026 Winter Olympics will be a different story. Lastly, he thanked the Swedish Federation for their hard work regarding their bid for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

The President then spoke about the 2020 IIHF World Championship in Switzerland and he said that this will be special for him as this will be his last World Championship. The President thanked the Organizing Committee for the excellent organization of the Welcome evening.

Furthermore, the President addressed the 2020 Semi-Annual Congress in Saint Petersburg by mentioning that this would be his last Congress, and that the election of the new President and new Council will take place there and then. He then clarified that it would be difficult to have these elections during the Annual Congress as the focus there is on the organization of the World Championship. Holding the elections during the Semi-Annual Congress will allow everyone to concentrate on making the right choice. He concluded this topic by asking all the candidates to be fair and to continue to work together as a team until September 2020.

The President wished everyone a good Congress and he invited the entire Congress to participate and ask all questions necessary.

#### REPORT OF THE IIHF COMMITTEES

##### Asian Committee

Vice President Thomas Wu added no additional comment to the Season Summary.

##### Athletes Committee

Council Member Vladislav Tretiak added no additional comment to the Season Summary.

**Coaching Committee**

Coaching Committee Chairman, Tom Renney (CAN), added no additional comment to the Season Summary.

**Competition and Coordination Committee**

Council Member Franz Reindl added no additional comment to the Season Summary.

**Event and Evaluation Committee**

Vice President, Kalervo Kummola, added no additional comment to the Season Summary.

**Ethics and Integrity Committee**

Life Member, Beate Grupp, added no additional comment to the Season Summary.

**Finance Committee**

Council Member, Luc Tardif, added no additional comment to the Season Summary.

**Historical Committee**

President, Rene Fasel, added no additional comment to the Season Summary.

**Governance Reform Working Group**

Council Member, Ron DeGregorio, added no additional comment to the Season Summary.

**Legal Committee**

Council Member, Ron DeGregorio, added no additional comment to the Season Summary.

**Medical Committee**

Council Member, Henrik Bach Nielsen, added no additional comment to the Season Summary.

**Officiating Committee**

Council Member, Sergej Goncharov/ Marta Zawadzka, added no additional comment to the Season Summary.

**Player Safety Committee**

Vice President, Bob Nicholson, added no additional comment to the Season Summary.

**TV/New Media/Marketing Committee**

Council Member Kalervo Kummola indicated that Bob Nicholson will be the new chairman of this Committee.

**Youth and Junior Development Committee**

Council Member, Petr Briza, added that 6 championships were held together with the 'Partnership for Progress' program and that for this season there are 13 new applicants.

**Women's Committee**

Council Member Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer, added no additional comment to the Season Summary.

**Facilities Working Group**

Life Member, Frank Gonzalez, pointed out that the IIHF Rink Manual is now translated into 3 languages and that they are working on 2 additional translations. All versions of the Manual are accessible on the IIHF website.

**Environment and Social Activities**

Life Member, Beate Grupp, informed the Congress about the UNFCCC Framework. She explained that this concerns a project called 'Sport for Climate Action' and that in May the IIHF President signed this framework which comes from United Nations. The idea behind this framework is to bring together the global sports world to challenge climate change through the fans, the media and our role in the sports world. She informed the Congress that not only the IIHF, but all sports actors such as clubs, leagues, and national federations can participate. More information on how to join this project can be received from Beate. In addition, she invited all event organizers to apply for IIHF Sustainability Award. The deadline to submit an application in this respect is 15 December 2019.

**Admission of MNA, expulsion and change of membership status**

The General Secretary expressed his satisfaction about the membership applications of the following countries that were received by the IIHF Office:

- Algeria
- Colombia
- Greece
- Lebanon
- Uzbekistan
- Iran

Change of membership status:

- Kyrgyzstan

The General Secretary indicated to the Congress that all of these countries timely submitted the required documents and that therefore the Council proposed to accept these applications.

Membership applications of Algeria, Colombia, Greece, Lebanon, Uzbekistan, Iran and Kyrgyzstan were unanimously accepted by the Congress.

**Allocation of IIHF Championships**

No new organizers need to be voted on.



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**IIHF Championships****Organizer's Report**

All hosts had received the relevant information from the IIHF Office on the organisational and administrative matters plus all details regarding the preparation of the IIHF competitions in the 2019/2020 season had been discussed in individual meetings on 25 September 2019 following the standard agenda. The appointed tournament chairmen or their representative gave their reports.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN LAUSANNE & ZÜRICH, SWITZERLAND

René Fasel/Frank Gonzalez, no remarks.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I, GROUP A, IN LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

Hans Dobida, French federation hasn't signed the game schedule. Eric Ropert (FRA) indicated that there was a debate regarding the format of the schedule. Therefore, further discussions are necessary to decide on this matter.

2019 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION I, GROUP B, IN TALLINN, ESTONIA

Frank Gonzalez on behalf of Chairman Hans Dobida mentioned, that the schedule was signed off, but that the four men officiating system could be applied in this Championship due to the game getting much faster at this level.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I, GROUP B, IN KATOWICE, POLAND

Sergej Gontcharov, no remarks.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II, GROUP A, IN ZAGREB, CROATIA

Petr Briza, no remarks.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II, GROUP B, IN REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND

Luc Tardif, no remarks.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III, GROUP A, IN KOCKELSCHEUER, LUXEMBOURG

Henrik Bach Nielsen indicated that DPR Korea did not attend the meeting, but they have provided their signature for the game schedule.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III, GROUP B, IN CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

Franz Reindl, indicated that the date of the tournament has changed from 20 April to 23 April 2020.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION IV, IN BISHKEK, KYRGYZSTAN

Igor Nemecek, indicated that Malaysia did not attend the meeting.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP IN OSTRAVA & TRINEC, CZECH REPUBLIC

Frank Gonzalez, no remarks.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION I, GROUP A, IN MINSK, BELARUS

Igor Nemecek, no remarks.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION I, GROUP B, IN KYIV, UKRAINE

Bob Nicholson, no remarks.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION II, GROUP A, IN VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

Petr Briza, no remarks.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION II, GROUP B, IN GANGNEUNG, KOREA

Harald Springfield added that the Korean Federation is working hard on their legacy program.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION III, IN SOFIA, BULGARIA

Franz Reindl, no remarks.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, IN ANN ARBOR & PLYMOUTH, UNITED STATES

Frank Gonzalez, indicated that the signatures of two participants were still missing on the games schedule.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION I, GROUP A, IN SPIŠSKÁ NOVÁ VES, SLOVAKIA

Hans Dobida, no remarks.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION I, GROUP B, IN ASIAGO, ITALY

Philippe Lacarrière indicated that there were two games for which the dates changed. For one of these games both teams agreed to the change, the change of the date of the other game was however not accepted by the teams.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION II, GROUP A, IN TALLINN, ESTONIA

Kalervo Kummola, no remarks.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION II, GROUP B, IN TIANJIN, CHINA

Thomas Wu, no remarks.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION III, GROUP A, IN ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Petr Briza, no remarks.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION III, GROUP B, IN KOCKELSCHEUER, LUXEMBOURG

M. Zawadzka, no remarks.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP,  
IN HALIFAX & TRURO, CANADA

Z. Kolbenheyer / M. Zawadzka, no remarks.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION I, GROUP A, IN ANGERS, FRANCE

Igor Nemecek said that the date of one game was changed  
and that this was approved by all teams.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION I, GROUP B, IN KATOWICE, POLAND

Ron DeGregorio, no remarks.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION II, GROUP A, IN JACA, SPAIN

Sergej Gontcharov indicated that DPR Korea was not present  
during the meeting.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION II, GROUP B, IN AKUREYRI, ICELAND

Marta Zawadzka, no remarks.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION III, IN SOFIA, BULGARIA

Frank Gonzalez, no remarks.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP,  
IN BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

Marta Zawadzka, no remarks.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION I, GROUP A, IN FUSSEN, GERMANY

Kalervo Kummola, pointed out that there was a discussion  
regarding the youth Olympic Games in Lausanne. Namely,  
there were two game days overlapping with the YOG. There-  
fore, they made a change to the schedule so that only one day  
is overlapping with the YOG.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION I, GROUP B, IN KATOWICE, POLAND

Fabio Oetterli, no remarks.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION II, GROUP A, IN EINDHOVEN, NETHERLANDS

Christer Englund, no remarks.

2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP,  
DIVISION II, GROUP B, IN MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

Luc Tardif pointed out that the 3 teams signed the schedule,  
but that New Zealand indicated that they would like to join the  
tournament as the 4th team.

MENS OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PRELIMINARY ROUND 1,  
IN KOCKELSCHEUER, LUXEMBOURG

Frank Gonzalez, no remarks.

MENS OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PRELIMINARY ROUND 1,  
IN HONG KONG, CHINA, HONG KONG

Thomas Wu indicated that they have the support of the na-  
tional association of China in case the tournament should be  
moved to a different location because of the situation in Hong  
Kong.

MENS OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PRELIMINARY ROUND 2,  
IN SISAK, CROATIA

Philippe Lacarrière said that Turkey was not present at the  
meeting and that they did not sign the game schedule.

MENS OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PRELIMINARY ROUND 2,  
IN BARCELONA, SPAIN

Franz Reindl, no remarks.

MENS OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PRELIMINARY ROUND 2,  
IN BRASOV, ROMANIA

Henrik Bach Nielsen, no remarks.

MENS OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PRELIMINARY ROUND 3,  
IN NOTTINGHAM, GREAT BRITAIN

Petr Briza, no remarks.

MENS OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PRELIMINARY ROUND 3,  
IN NUR-SULTAN, KAZAKHSTAN

Hans Dobida, no remarks.

MENS OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PRELIMINARY ROUND 3,  
IN JESENICE, SLOVENIA

Igor Nemecek, no remarks.

YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES, IN LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND.

Luc Tardif / Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer, no remarks.

Luc Tardif clarified the rules regarding the staff of each nation-  
al team. Namely, especially for the 3-3 tournament, each fed-  
eration should coordinate this matter with their NOC.

CONTINENTAL CUP

No remarks

### **Approval of the Game Schedules**

At the individual championship meetings held on 25 September  
2019 and prior to the end of the Congress, the game schedules for  
all the 2019/2020 IIHF Competitions were discussed and signed by  
most participants in attendance. For those nations not in atten-  
dance, the game schedules would be as agreed by the national  
associations attending the Congress. The President requested the  
countries for which the game schedule was not yet approved to  
come to an agreement. Otherwise the IIHF Council will have to  
make a decision during their meeting in November.

### **Confirmation of Nominated Referees and Linesmen**

The game officials for the 2019/2020 IIHF Championships had  
been nominated by the Officiating Committee and approved by the  
participants in the respective competitions. The relevant list is at-  
tached to the minutes. (Enclosure 9) Congress unanimously con-  
firmed the nominated Referees and Linesmen.



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**Final report of the 2019 World Championship in Slovakia**

Igor Nemecek provided the Congress with a presentation on the 2019 World Championship which was held in Slovakia and the IIHF Green project was discussed.

**Information about World Juniors 2018/19 Canada**

Scott Smith (CAN) provided the Congress with a presentation on the 2019 IIHF Junior World Championship held in Vancouver and Victoria. Scott Smith explained in detail the financial results, the event attendance, the volunteer program, the broadcast overview and concluded his presentation with the economic impact of the 2019 IIHF Junior World Championships highlighting the key facts and figures. (Enclosure 10)

The President thanked Tom Renney and Scott Smith and the whole organization of Hockey Canada for the great success and all their efforts to develop this IIHF asset into a profitable event.

**2025 World Championship Co-Hosting Sweden & Denmark**

The General Secretary indicated that the IIHF office received a letter on 14 August 2019 from the Swedish Federation to ask for the approval of the Council and the Congress to co-host the 2025 World Championship with Denmark.

Anders Larsson (SWE) thanked the Congress for the trust they showed in Bratislava by allowing Sweden to host this World Championship. He indicated that he mentioned in Bratislava that they started discussions with Denmark regarding the co-hosting of this World Championship. He said that they now came to an agreement with Denmark and therefore he asks for Congress approval for the co-hosting by Denmark of this World Championship.

The President added that Denmark is in the course of having its negotiations with the different cities that could host and therefore Denmark, at this moment, cannot provide more information. In this regard, Denmark will have to make sure that they pick a city that is in line with the regulations regarding travel time etc.

The Congress unanimously approved the Co-Hosting by Sweden & Denmark of the 2025 World Championship, under the conditions that Denmark comes with an application that is in accordance with the IIHF regulations.

**Proposals for changing the Official Playing Rules**

Danny Kurmann provided the Congress with an explanation on the amendments to the Official Playing Rules. It was indicated that the IIHF Council has agreed that all Amendments to the Official Playing Rules approved during this Semi-Annual Con-

gress will come into force for the 2019/2020 season.

Bob Nicholson thanked Danny Kurmann for his presentation and expressed his satisfaction that these small changes were made as they were subject to a lot of discussions. In addition, he thanked him for the way he made these amendments to the rules very clear to everyone.

Petr Briza added that during the meeting with the professional leagues prior to the Congress, the importance of a unified rule-book was stressed.

Congress unanimously accepted all changes to the Official Playing Rules.

**Proposals for changing the Regulations/Codes**

The General Secretary explained that all change proposals have been denoted either as a housekeeping, a minor change or a major change and that all housekeeping and minor changes will be passed in one motion unless an MNA indicates, at this time, that it wishes to vote on a specific housekeeping and/or minor change individually.

As no MNA spoke to a Housekeeping or Minor Change of any of the Regulations Proposals, the General Secretary asked Congress to approve all Housekeeping and Minor Changes of the Regulations in one motion. Congress unanimously accepted the housekeeping and minor changes of all Regulations.

**Bid Regulations**

The General Secretary indicated that the all changes to the Bid Regulations are housekeeping changes and that the structure of these regulations was also adjusted. Congress unanimously accepted the changes to the Bid Regulations.

**Sport Regulations**

The General Secretary explained that the Sport Regulations had a few changes; specifically, with respect to the team seeding, IIHF World Ranking System, the overtime operations, the television commercial breaks and the ice surface markings. In addition, the General Secretary indicated that the IIHF Council has agreed that all Sport Regulations Amendments approved during this Semi-Annual Congress will come into force for the 2019/2020 season.

Proposal 1: Team seeding – Council will have the sole ability to amend the team seeding. Congress unanimously accepted proposal 1.

Proposal 2: IIHF World Ranking System – Clarification of the IIHF Team Ranking points rewarding system and calculations. Congress unanimously accepted proposal 2.

Proposal 3: Overtime operations – Implementation of the over-

time operations which have been applied during the 2019 IIHF World Championships and will now apply for all IIHF World Championships. Congress unanimously accepted proposal 3.

Proposal 4: Television commercial breaks – Change to the rules concerning the commercial break in case a break cannot be taken during the foreseen timeslot. Congress unanimously accepted proposal 4.

Proposal 5: Ice surface markings – Rule regarding the ice surface markings on North American sized surfaces. Congress unanimously accepted proposal 5.

### **Championship Regulations**

The General Secretary explained that the Championship Regulations had a few changes; specifically, with respect to the social media regulations and the medical insurance.

Proposal 1: Medical insurance – Rule change about the requirements regarding the medical insurance for participating teams. Congress unanimously accepted proposal 1.

Proposal 2: Social media regulations – Rules which implies that the IIHF retains administration rights and ownership of any social media accounts created for an IIHF tournament. Congress unanimously accepted proposal 2.

### **International Transfer Regulations**

The General Secretary explained that the Transfer Regulations had a few changes; specifically, with respect to the release of a player for national team games and the Player Support Compensation Dispute Procedures.

Proposal 1: Player Support Program – Additions to the Regulations regarding of the Player Support Program and for the implementation of the Player Support Compensation Dispute Procedures.

Franz Reindl clarified that this rule is applicable to national team players, who are not playing in their home country, that play for their national team during the international breaks outside of the IIHF World Championships (top division and div. IA). Congress unanimously accepted proposal 1.

### **Code of Conduct**

The General Secretary explained that the Code of Conduct had a few changes; specifically, with respect to dignity and responsibility of IIHF members, the ethics board and the responsibility of MNAs for fan behaviour.

Proposal 1: MNA Responsibility for fan behaviour – Addition of a new rule 4 regarding the responsibility of MNAs for the behaviour of the fans of their clubs and national teams. Congress unanimously accepted proposal 1.

Proposal 2: Ethics Board – Change of rule 6 for the implemen-

tation of the Ethics Board in the investigation of a Code of Conduct Violation. Congress unanimously accepted proposal 2.

Proposal 3: Dignity and responsibility – Additions to the Code of Conduct regarding the respect for objects being used in connection with the organization of an IIHF Event, and the protection of the IIHF's reputation. Congress unanimously accepted proposal 3.

## **Yearly Accounts and Auditors Report**

### **Presentation by the Treasurer**

The IIHF Treasurer, Luc Tardif presented the Financial Results 2018/2019 to Congress (Enclosure 14) containing the overview of the IIHF accounts, as well as the impact of the activities that had taken place over the past season. He explained that the Annual Report became a separate document and that it was no longer part of the document that is now called the Seasonal Summary.

His presentation included the financial situation of the IIHF in the past, the current situation and an overview of the financial forecast.

He thanked the IIHF General Secretary and the Finance department for their excellent work as well as the internal Auditors and the Audit Advisory Group for their contributions.

The IIHF Treasurer gave an explanation on all the points included in the documents regarding the Yearly accounts which were distributed to the Congress. He highlighted that the financial report covering the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 was completed by the external auditors.

As part of the Financial Results presentation Luc Tardif provided Congress with the facts and figures of the IIHF Parking AG of the Season 2018/2019. He concluded his presentation, commenting that the IIHF is in a stable financial situation, but nevertheless, the IIHF has to stay alert and handle the financial resources in a reasonable way.

### **Auditors Report**

Fabio Oetterli, IIHF Internal Auditor, presented the report of the Internal Auditors. The Audit Group spent the necessary time at the IIHF Office in Zurich to duly analyze the documents, balance sheets, budget papers, minutes of the Council and Executive Committee, profit and loss statements, risk assessments and income statements as well as the accounts and meetings/discussions with the IIHF Treasurer, General Secretary, Finance Director and External Auditors. Any differences were duly justified against invoices, expense reports and duly submitted documents.

After the Internal Audit, the Internal Auditors met with the External Auditors indicating that the External Audit was conducted in accordance with Swiss Standards and the IIHF Statutes



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and Bylaws. Fabio Oetterli indicated that all financial reports covering the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 were analyzed and completed by the External Auditors. The Internal Auditors recommended acceptance of the report of the External Auditors, as it was confirmed that the books of accounts and the financial statement for 2018/2019 were in accordance with the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws.

Luc Tardif concluded by thanking the Finance Committee for the good collaboration.

### **Discharge of the Responsibilities of the President, the Treasurer and the Council**

Based on the audit report presented under item 14.2 and following the recommendation of the Auditors, the Congress was requested to discharge the President, Internal Auditors, and Council of their responsibilities for the period 1 July 2018 through 30 June 2019. Congress unanimously approved to discharge the President, Internal Auditors and Council of their responsibilities for the period 1 July 2018 through 30 June 2019.

The Parking AG Chairman and Board were unanimously discharged by Congress. Congress unanimously approved to discharge the Parking AG Chairman and Board of their responsibilities for the period 1 July 2018 through 30 June 2019.

### **Approval of Appointed External Auditors**

Following the recommendation of the Internal Auditors, the IIHF Council proposed to the Congress to extend the cooperation with the external auditing firm Curator Revision in Zurich until the next Semi-Annual Congress in September 2020.

Congress unanimously approved Curator Revision as external IIHF auditors.

### **Growing the Game Fund**

#### **Project Overview 2017-2019**

The General Secretary presented the overview of the projects held during the 2017-2019 period.

#### **Invitation for Offers 2019/2020**

The General Secretary presented the invitation for future projects and explained the requirements which each project should fulfil in order to be eligible for this fund. Lastly, he explained the procedure on how project funding can be obtained.

Petr Briza added that the Youth and Development Committee is always ready to provide any guidance needed and that Aku Nieminen and Johan Bollue are the contact persons in this regard.

### **Chairman Report of IIHF Infront / Negotiation**

The President expressed his gratitude to Bob Nicholson for his hard work on this matter. He explained that he was personally not involved in the discussions.

The General Secretary requested the Infront members present during the Congress to leave the room in order to facilitate the discussions on this matter by the Congress.

#### **Chairman Report**

Bob Nicholson provided a summary to the Congress regarding the prolongation of the agreement between the IIHF and Infront.

He started by thanking Council member Luc Tardif, Petr Briza, Franz Reindl, Sergej Gontcharov and Henrik Bach Nielsen for their hard work. He also thanked Horst Lichtner, Christian Hofstetter and Ashley Ehlert from the IIHF Office for their due diligence throughout the process.

He then told the Congress that at the start of the process, the main question that arose and that was always on the table during the entire negotiation process was whether the IIHF should go to tender for the World Championship media and marketing rights.

Bob Nicholson gave an overview of the comprehensive IIHF and Infront negotiation process including the key steps between December 2018 and today. He explained the composition of the IIHF Negotiation Group, and he referred to the analysis which were done by external experts in the process.

Bob Nicholson then provided more details to the Congress regarding the financial aspect of the agreement. The key terms of the new IIHF /Infront agreement will include a guaranteed cash payments & services with the total value of CHF 505.5 million.

Bob Nicholson indicated that going into the negotiations, the IIHF preferred an 8-year deal while Infront wanted a 10-year deal. In the end, an agreement for 10 years was concluded, but in exchange for a 10-year deal, Infront agreed to compensate the IIHF with an Advanced cash payment in the total value of CHF 20.0 million already in 2022 & 2023 prior to the start of the new agreement.

Lastly, Bob Nicholson stated that the new agreement foresees the continuation of several IIHF-Infront Working Groups across the key areas of the partnership as well as a joint Extraordinary Working Group to work on special topics.

He further addressed the review rights. He explained that the new agreement foresees the right for both Parties to request a review of the contractual parameters in 2025 and 2029 following the completion of the respective World Championship.

Bob Nicholson concluded by stating that this agreement provides the IIHF with a very good long-term financial planning until 2033 and is therefore supported by the group. He invited all Congress participants to ask all questions they might have regarding this agreement.

### **Congress discussion**

Anatoly Brezvin (UKR) thanked the Negotiation Group and Bob Nicholson for their hard work. He indicated that the figures are impressive and that he fully supports this deal.

Viesturs Kozis (LAT) mentioned that a commercial analysis of the IIHF has been carried out and therefore, he asked whether it could be explained to the Congress what the outcome of this analysis was.

Henrik Bach Nielsen answered that the agreement covers two components: media and marketing. Therefore, the evaluation looked into the value of the media rights and the value of the marketing rights. In this regard, the IIHF was looking for a solution that covered both and that solution was offered by Infront.

In addition, Bob Nicholson explained that there is a part of the evaluation that is confidential. However, he shared with the Congress that the amount that was agreed on with Infront is more than what the evaluation indicated.

Anders Larsson (SWE) thanked the group for their contributions in this process. He said that Bob Nicholson in his presentation explained that the existing benefits for the MNAs will continue to exist. However, he asked whether anything will change for those MNAs that organize a World Championship. Namely, will Sweden have more costs when it will organize the IIHF World Championship.

Horst Lichtner indicated that nothing will change in view of how the World Championships are organized over the past years.

René Fasel added that during the Event meeting held prior to the Congress, the idea was launched to work with a flat fee for the organizing fee instead of the 10% of the income that it is now. In November a next meeting will be held on this topic.

Dave Ogrea (USA) congratulated Bob Nicholson and his group, the President and the General Secretary on the fact that the IIHF opened up this process. Namely, he indicated that it was the first time ever that the Congress has seen a presentation which contained the numbers of the agreement. He indicated that this was a historic opening and that he was glad about the way that the financial report has been modernized. In addition, he pointed out that the cooperation between the IIHF and Infront is the longest in the history of the Olympic movement and that he fully agrees that you should work together with people you trust. Lastly, he said that the agreement will bring a lot of money to the IIHF and that the IIHF therefore

has to think carefully about how to spend that money.

Bob Nicholson added that it was the IIHF's goal to be very transparent about this agreement and that the IIHF will continue to be this transparent about the process.

Denis Vaucher (SUI) asked whether the IIHF will not face any legal problems by not going to tender for this agreement.

Ashley Ehlert, IIHF Legal Director, explained that currently no Swiss Statutory Law exists which requires the IIHF to go to tender and that the current Infront contract requires the IIHF to exclusively negotiate with Infront in good faith during a period of 6 months. Good faith negotiations required the IIHF to approach such with the understanding that if Infront meets its demands, a contract is concluded. However, she pointed out that EU competition law can be unpredictable sometimes, but that the IIHF feels very confident that the process followed will help protect the IIHF against any EU competition law violation.

Franz Reindl added that the IIHF took this matter very serious. Namely, the first question that was asked at the beginning of the process was whether the IIHF was obliged to perform a tender.

Matti Nurminen (FIN) asked 3 questions: Why is it an agreement for 10 years? Why is the agreement concluded now while there is still 3,5 years left on the current agreement? And why did the IIHF not go to tender? He indicated that these questions were mainly addressed previously. He concluded by thanking Bob Nicholson and the group for their work on this agreement.

Bob Nicholson pointed out that these questions were already answered. He reiterated that the IIHF initially did not want a 10-year agreement but that the extra efforts of Infront in 2022 and 2023 convinced the IIHF to agree with an agreement until 2033.

Luc Tardif added that at the beginning of the negotiations, the IIHF wanted an 8-year deal. However, the IIHF then investigated some similar contract concluded by other sport federations and it turned out that most of them had a duration of 10 years or longer.

At the conclusion of the discussion, a motion came from the floor (Latvian Ice Hockey Federation) to immediately vote to approve the appointment of Infront as the IIHF commercial rights partner for a period of 2024 until 2033.

### **Voting**

The General Secretary asked the scrutineers to come forward and the IIHF General Secretary performed a roll call. Pursuant to the roll call, quorum in accordance with the IIHF statutes was confirmed.



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Then, the Congress was asked whether they agreed to appoint Infront as the IIHF commercial rights partner for a period between 2024 until 2033.

The Congress unanimously approved immediately voting on the appointment of Infront as the IIHF commercial rights partner for a period of 2024 until 2033.

Congress unanimously approved the appointment of Infront as the IIHF commercial rights partner for a period of 2024 until 2033.

Subsequently, the Infront delegation was asked to re-enter the room. Philippe Blatter thanked the Congress for the trust in an extension of the cooperation between the IIHF and Infront. He ensured the Congress that the quality of work by Infront will be excellent and that the same people that worked on the 2020 FIFA World Cup and the 2019 Rugby World Cup will work on the production for the IIHF World Championships.

In addition, he indicated that the Wanda group, of which Infront is part, went public and is now listed on NASDAQ since the 25th of July 2019 and that this should provide transparency and security regarding the solidity of Infront. He said that the love that they have for ice hockey did not change over the years and that their ice hockey team within Infront is always growing. He concluded his speech by showing a clip of the digital tour that was held prior to the Congress and invited everyone to the Gala Dinner.

**2020 IIHF Elections**

The General Secretary provided a presentation to the Congress providing all information about the 2020 IIHF Elections.

He pointed out that during the 2020 Semi Annual Congress 14 Council positions will be elected: President, Senior Vice-President, 3 regional Vice-Presidents and 9 Council members. Out of all of these candidates, in accordance with the Statutes, 2 females must be elected. Further to these positions, the election of two Auditors, and the members of the Disciplinary Board and Ethics Board will take place.

As a consequence of the Congress in Bratislava, the role of the President had to be clarified and consequently his role was explained to the Congress. The President will not be an employee of the IIHF but, in recognition of his service, he will receive an appropriate remuneration as determined by the Finance Committee and agreed by the Council. The Council, in this respect, has decided to remunerate the President with 180 000 CHF per year.

Further, the roles and responsibilities of the Senior Vice President, Regional Vice Presidents and the Council, as specifically defined in the IIHF Statutes, were explained to the Congress. Lastly, it was indicated to the Congress that the daily per diem of the President, the Senior Vice President, Vice Presidents

and Council members will be proposed by the IIHF Finance Committee at their meetings starting in November 2019, and ultimately submitted to Congress for final approval in May 2020.

Congress asked no questions and stated no objections to the 2020 Council election procedures, including the roles and responsibility of the President, Senior Vice-President and Regional Vice-Presidents.

**Motion to Destroy Ballots**

No ballots were used.

**Other Business****Information about World Hockey Forum 2019 in Moscow**

Dmitry Kurbatov thanked the whole hockey family for supporting the World Hockey Forum endeavours by stating that such project is very important. He presented the World Hockey Forum to the Congress including a short video. Lastly, he indicated that the World Hockey Forum will take place in December 2019, in Russia, Moscow.

**Date and Place of next Congress/Closing**

2020 IIHF Annual Congress, Switzerland, 21-23 May 2020.

**Closing**

The President expressed his satisfaction with the results achieved at the Congress and he thanked the delegates for their contributions. Before closing the 2019 IIHF Annual Congress, the President expressed his gratitude to everybody who contributed towards the success of this Congress, especially the organizer and their staff for the excellent preparations. He thanked the members of the Council for their support and the IIHF General Secretary and Staff for the devoted work and thanked the delegates for the good co-operation in the discussions. Lastly, the President thanked all of the volunteers, and Infront. With particular appreciation of the work by the interpreters Viktor Gusin, Vsevolod Kukushkin, Irmgard Lloyd Schilcher and Heide Mösslang, the President declared the 2019 IIHF Annual Congress closed.

He thanked Andrea Gios for the organisation, and he thanked the Swiss 2020 Organizing Committee and Infront for the dinner. Lastly, he thanked the IIHF Council and staff for the preparation of the Congress.





# IIHF EXTRA-ORDINARY CONGRESS

## ZURICH, SWITZERLAND

### 22 JUNE 2020

Congress took place online in a virtual format

All enclosures available on IIHF Intranet

The President opened the 2021 IIHF Extra-Ordinary Congress with a short speech and welcomed all present.

#### Notice of the Meeting & Formal Extra-Ordinary Congress Procedures

The General Secretary confirmed membership quorum in the Virtual Congress Meeting by way of a role call at the beginning of the Congress Meeting. Subsequently, a test vote was conducted and scrutinized to ensure that quorum was present within the Congress Voting System.

After a quorum was confirmed in both the Virtual Congress Meeting and within the Virtual Voting System, the General Secretary confirmed that the 2021 Extra-Ordinary Congress Meeting was called and notified in accordance with Statute 14.4; specifically, the IIHF Council called the 2021 Extra-Ordinary Congress Meeting during its 2021 Virtual Council Meeting, and the IIHF provided notice and purpose of the 2021 Extra-Ordinary Congress with the 2021 Annual Congress notice on 5 June, 2021. The General Secretary explained that Extra-Ordinary Congress was limited to the topics on the Agenda, and then briefly explained the topics on the Agenda.

Horst Lichtner explained that a vote must be conducted on the Congress procedural elements indicated on Agenda Point 2 (A) to 2 (G), and clarified that the vote on Agenda Point 2 (A) through 2 (G) will be conducted using the raise hand function; specifically, if somebody wishes to object to a Procedural Point he should raise his hand to object. He listed the Agenda points as following:

- 2 (A) Confirm MNA Presence (establish quorum)
- 2 (B) Confirm that the electronic procedures for the Extra-Ordinary Congress are in line with the Statute 14.4.2
- 2 (C) Approve Congress being recorded  
2 objections
- 2 (D) Approve Notice of Extra-Ordinary Congress Meeting
- 2 (E) Approve Extra-Ordinary Congress
- 2 (F) Approve Extra-Ordinary Congress Disruption Procedure
- 2 (G) Approve Scrutineer

Congress unanimously accepted all agenda points above.

#### Report of the President

The President opened his report by greeting all the IIHF Members, IIHF Council Members, IIHF Life Members and all the members of the international ice hockey family.

He welcomed all present to the first-ever IIHF Extra-Ordinary Congress to take place in a virtual format.

Next, the President moved on to provide some comments about this historic day.

The President continued by saying that he missed the chance to see the Members present in the call in Switzerland at the 2021 IIHF World Championship and the IIHF Annual Congress, but he is happy to at least be able to bring the ice hockey family together through technology.

He then thanked the IIHF's Member National Associations once again for attending the online meeting.

He explained that he had been amazed by the tremendous level of support and communication between the IIHF and its members during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The President indicated that it has been an unprecedented period in the history of our sport, as in just a few months, the coronavirus became a global pandemic and forced the cancellation of the rest of the IIHF season.

But even with so much uncertainty and always changing news about COVID, he was delighted to witness an excellent communication between the IIHF within the Council, the tournament hosts, and the participating countries.

He went on explaining that this was a test for everyone, not just within the sports world but also globally, and as we move into a post-COVID world, the IIHF will continue to evaluate the impact of the ongoing pandemic, and assess what it means for the IIHF and its members.

The President told the Congress that 2020 wasn't just about the coronavirus, as there were also some positive events for the IIHF and its members. Namely, the year started with successful World Junior and Women's U18 tournaments in Czech Republic and Slovakia.

In addition, ice hockey was a big star at the 2020 Youth Olympic Winter Games in Lausanne with the first-ever men's and women's 3-on-3 competition. Through the excellent work of the IIHF Sport Department, we had 43 IIHF member nations with at least one athlete taking part in that competition.

For the first time, you could see players from Mexico playing with teammates from Russia, and MNAs like Qatar and Hong Kong were able to send athletes to an Olympic ice hockey event in ice hockey for the first time in history.

René Fasel said he believes that the Youth Olympic 3-on-3 tournament showed the best of our sport to the world, demonstrated by nearly all our countries that play it.

Going into the new Season, he said, that he expects more uncertain times, and we need to make sure that we are always keeping each other informed.

He indicated that the cancellation of the 2020 IIHF World Championship allowed the IIHF to receive a significant insurance payment. Out of the insurance claim, the IIHF distributed to its member's money so that they can continue to invest in development during COVID-19. Together with the already-played tournaments the amount distributed reached almost 17 million US Dollars.

Furthermore, the President mentioned that regarding the upcoming Season, the IIHF has received feedback from its members and the majority indicated that they wish to run a complete World Championship program.

He explained that he wanted to make everyone aware, that running a full tournament program during the upcoming Season comes with risks that the MNA's need to be prepared to accept these risks.

Namely, should a tournament in the 2020/21 season be cancelled, the IIHF will not be able to offer the same level of financial support like it did with the most recent COVID-19 support funding that was distributed to each member.

He further continued that in this Extra-Ordinary Congress, the MNA's will vote and assign the tournaments for the full 2020/21 season.

He confirmed that the IIHF will be there to support the MNA's, and he advised that if there are any questions, whether related to return-to-play, player safety, insurance, or IIHF support, the MNAs should not hesitate to reach out to the IIHF.

In addition, the President clarified that there are also a set of amendments to the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws which need to be voted on during this Extra-Ordinary Congress. These had to be made in recognition of the fact that we will not be able to hold an IIHF Semi-Annual Congress in St. Petersburg this year. As this would have been an election Congress, the Congress will be requested to approve the proposal for an extension of the IIHF Council term. The Congress will also have to vote and approve the new dates for the 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World

Championship. The President thanked the 2021 World Championship Organizing Committee in Minsk and Riga, for their willingness to move these dates to accommodate the leagues and clubs, who may need more time than usual to finish their seasons.

Moreover, he stated that the IIHF Treasurer Luc Tardif will present the IIHF Budget for the 2021/21 season. As usual, the IIHF has planned the budget with the intent to run a complete World Championship program.

He again thanked all present and the staff for their excellent co-operation with the IIHF during this crisis. This crisis proved once more that we are truly an ice hockey family, and we will come out of this more united than ever.

### Approval of Philippines and Malaysia Full Membership

Horst Lichtner explained that the IIHF had received membership requests from the Philippines and Malaysia to become IIHF Full Members.

Horst Lichtner summarized that the IIHF Council proposes to Congress, that the Philippines and Malaysia should become Full Members.

The Congress unanimously approved the new members. René Fasel congratulated the newly approved Full Members, and the representatives of both countries also expressed their gratitude for this wonderful opportunity to become an IIHF Full Member.

The Congress unanimously accepted the approval of Philippines and Malaysia as full members.

### Ratification of Urgent Council Decisions

Horst Lichtner explained that the IIHF Council had to make several urgent decisions during the last eight Council Calls during the COVID-19 times.

The following IIHF Council Urgent Decisions has to be ratified by the IIHF Congress:

Horst Lichtner told the Congress that the ratification of the Urgent Council Decisions would be conducted by making use of the "raise hand" function.

- Vote 4 (A) Cancellation of the 2021 IIHF Annual Congress
- Vote 4 (B) Cancellation of the 2021 "physical" IIHF Semi-Annual Congress



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- Vote 4 (C ) Council Emergency Legislation amendment of Article 3.1.1.1 of the IIHF Championship Regulations for the World Championships

No objections were received on the points above by Congress. All were accepted unanimously.

### Move Playing Date 2021 IIHF World Championship by two weeks

René Fasel summarized the special situation regarding the playing date of the 2021 IIHF World Championship to be held in Minsk and Riga. He indicated that due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the start of the new Season is in jeopardy, and he proposed to Congress to accept a new playing date by moving the World Championship date to the 21th May- 6th of June 2021. René Fasel mentioned that this is an exception, and a unique decision. He clarified that there will be some extra costs related to this decision, and these costs will be discussed with the organizers.

No objections were received from Congress, and Agenda point 6 was accepted unanimously.

### 2021/21 IIHF Championship Program

Horst Lichtner explained that there were a lot of tournaments, that had to be cancelled in the 2021 season due to the COVID-19 outbreak. He mentioned that the organizers of the cancelled tournaments had the right of first refusal to host the cancelled events in the 2020/2021 season.

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WMIA

Slovenia was the only applicant for this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Slovenia as a host, Ljubljana 09.05-15.05.2021

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WMIB

Poland was the only applicant for this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Poland as a host, Katowice, 26.04-02.05.2021

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WMIIA

China is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

Horst Lichtner explained that this event was supposed to take place in Croatia, but Croatia has withdrawn its application in favour of China, so China can use this as a test event. Horst Lichtner explicitly thanked China for this step.

Theo Van Gerwen raised his hand and mentioned that the date 10.04 is too early and he would like to have further discussions with the participants to move the date. Horst Lichtner explained that the expert group will analyse the movement of the date.

Congress unanimously appointed China as a host, Beijing, 10.04-16.04.2021

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WMIIIB

Iceland is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Iceland as host, Reykjavik, 18.04-24.04.2021

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WMIIIA

Luxembourg is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Luxembourg as host, Kockelscheuer 18.04-24.04.2021

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WMIIIB

South Africa was the only applicant for this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed South Africa as host, Capetown, 19.04-25.04.2021

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WMIV

Kyrgyzstan is the only applicant to this Championship Division. The playing date will be reviewed with the host as it does not meet the IIHF Sport Regulations. Congress unanimously appointed Kyrgyzstan as host, Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek, 03.03-05.03.2021

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM20IA

Denmark is the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

Zoltan Kovacs (HUN) raised his hand. He mentioned that the playing dates for this Championship overlap with the Winter Universiade. Therefore, he proposed to stay with the original dates in December which was supported by Belarus. The IIHF office will contact participants and host to find a solution.

Kim Pedersen (DEN) confirmed that Denmark is flexible with the date.

Horst Lichtner confirmed that the date will be discussed. Congress unanimously appointed Denmark as a host, Horsholm, 08.02-14.02.2021

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM20IB

Slovenia and Estonia applied to host this Championship Division.

ESTONIA **12** : 11 SLOVENIA

Congress appointed as a host, Estonia, Tallinn 10.02-17.02.2021

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM20IIB

Serbia is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress appointed Serbia as host, Belgrade, 08.02-14.02.2021

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM20IIA

Italy, Romania, Great Britain and applied to host this Champi-

onship Divisions. Spain withdrew its application.

10 votes for Italy (42 %)

10 votes for Romania (42 %)

4 votes for Great Britain (17 %)

cast split vote between Italy and Romania:

12 votes for Italy and (50 %)

12 votes for Romania; (50 %)

the vote had to be repeated.

final vote:

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ROMANIA **13** : 11 ITALY

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Congress appointed Romania, as host, Brasov: 08.02-14.02.2021

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM20III

Mexico is the only applicant to this Championship Division.

Mexico addressed the potential change of the date to 10. to 17.01.2021 as the arena would not be available at this February date. The IIHF office will contact participants and host to find a solution. Congress unanimously appointed Mexico, Mexico City, 08.02-14.02.2021.

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD WM18

United States is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed United States as host, Plymouth, Ann Arbor, 15.04-25.04-2021.

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD WM18IA

Slovakia is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Slovakia as host, Spisska Nova, Ves: 05.04-11.04.2021.

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD WM18IB

Italy is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Italy as the host, Asiago, 18.04-25.04.2021.

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM18IIA

Estonia is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Estonia as a host, Tallinn, 04.04-10.04.2021.

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM18IIB

Bulgaria is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Bulgaria as host, Sofia, 21.03-27.03.2021.

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM18IIIA

Turkey is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Turkey as host, Istanbul, 29.03-04.04.2021.

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WM18IIIB

Luxembourg is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Luxembourg as host, Kockelscheuer, 27.03-03.04.2021

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WW

Canada is the applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Canada as a host, Halifax, Truro, 07.04-17.04.2021

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WWIA

France is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed France as a host, France, Angers 11.04-18.04.2021

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WWIB

China is the only applicant to host this Championship Division, as Poland withdrew its application. Horst Lichtner thanked Poland for withdrawing their application. Congress unanimously appointed China as host, China, Beijing, 08.04.14-04.2021

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WWIIA

Spain is the only applicant in this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Spain as host, Jaca 10.04-16.04.2021

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WWIIB

Croatia is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Croatia as host, Zagreb 07.03.-13.03.2021.

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WWIII

Lithuania is the only applicant in this Championship Division, as Romania withdrew its application. Congress unanimously appointed Lithuania as a host, Kaunas, 15.03-21.03.2021.

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WW18

Sweden is the only applicant in this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Sweden as a host, Linköping, Mjölby, 05.01-12.01.2021.

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WW18IA

Hungary is the only applicant in this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Hungary as a host, Győr, 10.01-16.01.2021

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WW18IB

Austria and Korea applied to host this Championship Division.

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AUSTRIA **15** : 7 KOREA

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Austria requested to review the date of the tournament. Congress unanimously appointed Austria as host, Randenthein, 10.01-16.01.2021



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**2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WW18IIB**

Great Britain is the only applicant to host this Championship Division, as Spain withdrew its application. Congress unanimously appointed Great Britain as host, Dumfries, 19.01-22.01.2021.

**2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WW18IIB**

Turkey is the only applicant to host Championship Division and requested a date correction to 26.01.-31.01.2021. Congress unanimously appointed Turkey as host, Turkey Kocaeli: 26.01-31.01.2021

**OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION**

The General Secretary explained the schedule of the Olympic Qualifications as follows:

**MEN'S OLYMPIC FINAL QUALIFICATION**

Group D: Slovakia will host.  
Group E: Latvia will host.  
Group F: Norway will host.

**WOMEN'S OLYMPIC FINAL QUALIFICATION**

Group C: Czech Republic will host.  
Group D: Germany will host.  
Group E: Sweden will host.

**OLYMPIC PRE-QUALIFICATION ROUND 3**

Group F: Korea will host.  
Group G: Italy will host.  
Group H: Poland will host.

**OLYMPIC PRE-QUALIFICATION ROUND 2**

Group J: Iceland will host.

**2020/21 Continental Cup**

Horst Lichtner informed Congress about the 2020/21 Continental Cup Group Structure. The Congress confirmed the 2020/21 Continental Cup Structure.

**Council Mandate Prolongation and Schedule**

René Fasel explained, that due to the international travel restrictions and the ongoing COVID-19 crises, the IIHF had to postpone the planned physical Congress in St. Petersburg.

Horst Lichtner, then explained that due to the impossibility to hold a physical Congress in September, a recommendation is being put forward to the Congress to extend the current Council's mandate and adjust the Schedule of future elections to take in consideration the postponement of the 2020 elections. The Congress confirmed the Council Mandate Prolongation & Schedule.

**Modification of the IIHF Statutes**

The General Secretary explained to the Congress that in order to effectuate the recommendation to prolong the current Council's mandate, to ensure legal certainty, amendments have to be done to the IIHF Statutes; specifically:

Proposal 10 (A) ; Extend the current Council's mandate one year until the Semi-Annual Congress in 2021. Congress accepted the proposal by 95%.

Proposal 10 (B); Extend the current Auditors, Committees and Disciplinary Board mandate one year until the Semi-Annual Congress in 2021. Congress accepted the proposal by 100%.

Proposal 10 (C) Change Appeal Board language to allow for an ad hoc Appeal Panel to be created on a case by case basis in the 2020 Season. Congress accepted the proposal by 100%.

Proposal 10 (D) Change the date that an MNA must submit Council, Auditors, Disciplinary / Appel Board and Ethics Board nominations for 2021 elections from 1 June to 30 June due to the 2-week postponement of the 2021 IIHF World Championship. Congress accepted the proposal by 100%.

Proposal 10 (E) Confirm the 2020-2022 Statutes and Bylaws now come into effect in September 2022 with the new Council. Congress accepted the proposal by 100%.

Proposal 10 (F) Extend the 2021 Council term to five years, to allow Council elections to occur after an Olympic Games, rather than a few months prior to an Olympic Games. Congress accepted the proposal by 96%.

Proposal 10 (G) Extend the 2021 Finance Committee, Auditors, Ethics Board, Operations Committees, Disciplinary Board and Appeal Board terms to five years (2021-2026). Congress accepted the proposal by 100%.

Proposal 10 (H) Change the age requirement for Council Auditors, Ethics Board and Disciplinary Board from having no later than their 72nd birthday in the election year to 73rd birthday in the election year. Congress accepted the proposal by 90%.

Proposal 10 (I) Change the ability to amend IIHF Statutes and Bylaws from 2022 Semi-Annual Congress to 2024 Semi-Annual Congress and every four years thereafter. Congress accepted the proposal by 100%.

Proposal 10 (J) Clarify that when a Senior Vice-President in case of vacancy in the office of the president, he/she shall still be eligible to be elected as President for three terms. Congress accepted the proposal by 100%.

## Modification of the IIHF Bylaws

The IIHF Treasurer presented the budget for the 2020-2021 season and explained the various items. (See Enclosure 12.)

All Congress delegates had received a printed copy of the budget with all details and explanation. Luc Tardif addressed the special situation, and the cancellation of the 19 tournaments. These cancellations had a financial impact on the IIHF because of the cancellation of the WM (no income out of the Marketing Contracts). The IIHF has an Event cancellation Insurance in place (incl. pandemic) with an insured maximum amount of CHF 22.85 Mio. but the final reimbursement by the Insurance was not clear as we have the duty to avert, minimise or mitigate losses and this mitigation will be deducted from the insured amount. The full reimbursement of CHF 22.85 Mio. could be reached and therefore, the COVID-19 Support for MNAs was possible.

After the retrospective summary, Luc Tardif congratulated the IIHF Team, Horst Lichtner and Ashely Ehlert, the Finance and Marketing Department to this success, as this resulted in the COVID-19 development support. He addressed the challenges of the future, a potential 2nd wave, and the possible impact of this pandemic on the organisation of the upcoming Championships. He addressed also some facts: The actual contract with Infront had to be prolonged for one season until 2023/2024 due to §14.1 in the contract. This has an impact on the income for the upcoming seasons (especially in the season 2023/2024). The actual event cancellation insurance running out end of season 2022/2023. To negotiate a new insurance which includes coverage for pandemics will not be possible. This means we have to build our own funds also for the future.

Luc Tardif further explained the budget principles, and the balance of the fund. The Balance of the Funds as per 30.06.2019 was 37.5 Mio CHF. As recommended by the external and internal Auditors the funds at the end of the Season 2020/2021 should not drop under 20 Mio. Taking the projected loss of CHF 6.4 Mio for the season 2019/2020 in consideration the Maximum loss to be budgeted for the season 2020/21 is CHF – 11.1 Mio. He explained the total budget with an operational loss of CHF – 5'255'000. He mentioned that we have to increase our liquidity by introducing a provision for future event cancellation fund of 5 Million CHF. He continued with the Income side and gave more specifics about the Marketing contract.

He explained the upfront payment with Infront. Due to the cancellation of the 2020 World Championship the existing contract with Infront had to be extended with the set conditions by 1 year until the season 2023/2024. This means that the new contract will only be effective for the season 2024/2025 ff. As compensation for the discrepancy in the rights fee for 2024 in the new contract versus the rights fee due to the prolongation, Infront agreed to pay an additional CHF 26.35 Mio. upfront.

This compensation will be distributed over the next 4 years and the share for the season 2020/2021 amounts to CHF 5.35 Mio.

Afterwards Luc Tardif explained the income in detail (Income CHF 35'670'000), the expenses, consisting of the Championship Program costs, the Olympic Program costs, the usual Committee Activities costs, Congress and Council Cost, other operational costs, and the diagram for the total expenses of (CHF 41'190'000) as well as the non-operational expenses/earnings of (+ CHF 265'000).

Before concluding Luc Tardif briefly thanked again the IIHF President, René Fasel for the confidence, also all the Council Members, the Financial Committee and the Auditors for the precious help and of course Horst Lichtner, and the IIHF Staff, and Gion Veraguth, IIHF Finance Director and his staff. Congress unanimously approved the budget.

## Discharge the President and Council

Horst Lichtner explained that the mandates for the IIHF Council and the IIHF President were prolonged. He asked Congress to discharge the Council and the President from the responsibilities related to the Council's COVID-19 decisions. The Congress unanimously approved to discharge the President and the Council of its responsibilities for its decisions related to COVID-19.

## Motion to Destroy the Ballots

The motion to destroy the electronic ballots was accepted by Congress. Congress unanimously approved to destroy the electronic ballots.

## Closing Remarks by the IIHF President

The President explained that COVID-19 pandemic caused a special situation this year. Therefore he thanked IIHF General Secretary, Horst Lichtner, and the IIHF Council Members for managing this special situation with great success.

He also thanked the IIHF Staff for organizing the Virtual Extra-Ordinary Congress, especially Martin Zöllner, and his Technology Team including all the suppliers. He further thanked Ashley Ehlert and the Legal Committee, Christian Hofstetter, and the Sport Department, and Hannes Ederer and the Event Department for being in touch and managing all the communication with the organizers during the COVID-19 crises.

Finally, he thanked the translators, Adam Steiss, and the communication team for their engagement and once again he thanked Horst Lichtner and the SRF studio for making the Virtual Congress possible.



# IIHF COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Asian Strategic Planning Group Report

We are proud to report on the achievements of the Asian Strategic Planning Group (ASPG) in the season ended 30 June 2020, despite the disruption caused by the pandemic sweeping across the international sports arena.

First of all, we extend a warm welcoming to the three new Members to the ASPG family: Iran, Lebanon and Uzbekistan. There is now a total of 27 MNAs in the ASPG, 25 from Asia and 2 from Oceania. Congratulations also to Malaysia and the Philippines who were confirmed their Full Membership status during the 2020 IIHF Extra-Ordinary Congress.



NEW ASPG MEMBERS IRAN, LEBANON, AND UZBEKISTAN

It is a testimonial of their long time endeavor in the development of hockey in their own countries. Both of them would have made their debut in WM Division IV early this year if not for the pandemic. Nonetheless, amid of the pandemic, it is particularly encouraging to witness Singapore's advancement to the World Championship Program. They plan next to join Malaysia and the Philippines in 2021 WM Division IV in Kyrgyzstan.

The 2020 Challenge Cup of Asia (CCOA) program was brought to a total halt by the pandemic. It is very fortunate that with the full support of the IIHF, the affected tournament organisers as well as the participating teams were compensated through an exceptional one-off subsidy.

Looking ahead, a full CCOA program is planned for the coming season with new arrangements in view of the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

## SUMMER TRAINING CAMPS

Two summer training camps were organized for 2019/20 season.

The 2019 IIHF/IIHF Asian Women's Camp took place in the Kuala Lumpur region on 1-5 July. It included many of the countries that are part of the CCOA program who focus on the younger ice hockey programs. A total of 69 female players and 11 coaches came to the camp from Chinese Taipei; India; Indonesia; Malaysia; Mongolia; the Philippines; Singapore; Thailand and the United Arab Emirates. Four local mentor coaches were led by Christian Weber, a former Swiss national team player who works as a coach in Switzerland and Austria. Four local team managers with one mentor, three game officials and one result manager joined the event as well to get hands-on experience.

The IIHF/CIHA Asian Men's Summer Camp was held on 5-11 August 2019 in Beijing. Apart from local participants, male players aged 13-18 and coaches from 11 other IIHF Member National Associations in Asia participated in this Camp, including Chinese Taipei; DPR Korea; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia; Kuwait; Macau, China; Mongolia; Qatar; Singapore and Thailand, making a total of more than 110 participants.

Five experienced instructors assigned by the IIHF, again, led by Christian Weber, shared their expertise and insight with the participants. The IIHF/CIHA Asian Men's Summer Camp aimed to provide a professional and high-quality ice hockey summer



The ASPG meeting in Manila, Philippines in September 2019.

camp for junior players in Asia. It was also a great opportunity to boost the ice hockey industry and promote better understanding and solidarity among the Asian countries.

### ASPG MEETING IN MANILA, THE PHILIPPINES

The ASPG met in Manila, the capital of the Philippines, for the 24th ASPG Meeting to exchange views and build plans for the development of Asian Hockey.

The host, Hockey Philippines, extended their warm hospitality to over 30 delegates and guests attending the meeting. With the increasing number of ASPG members, workshops on Transfers, Eligibility and Code of Conduct were held by Ashley Ehlert, Legal Director, and Simona Richiger, Compliance Officer, in conjunction with the 24th ASPG Meeting.

Feedback from the delegates attending the workshops were most encouraging as they found themselves better equipped to manage the daily operation of their national associations and their teams. Meanwhile the collaboration between the ASPG with various IIHF Committees and other strong hockey nations have been strengthening as the potential of Asian ice hockey is well recognized.

**Thomas Wu**  
Chairman



2019 Asian Women's Summer Development Camp in Kuala Lumpur.

### Athletes Committee Report

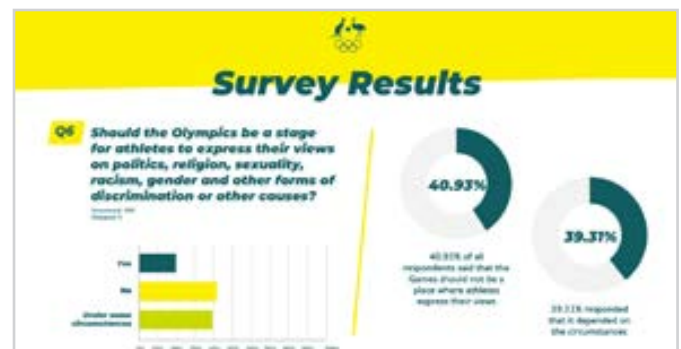
During the past year the Athletes Committee stayed involved with the IOC Athletes Commission and took part in the various IOC calls on the following topics:

- IOC Athletes Commission meeting updates
- Rule 40
- Coronavirus
- Tokyo updates

Following up the discussions on how to safeguard athletes from harassment and abuse in sports, the Athletes Committee joined the IOC Athlete Safeguarding Webinar Series for International Federations between September and November 2019.

The Athletes Committee will also continue to follow closely the discussion on Rule 50 after the IOC announced in June that its Athletes' Commission would "have dialogue with athletes around the world to explore different ways for how Olympic athletes can express their support for the principles enshrined in the Olympic Charter in a dignified way."

This dialogue will include the launch of "qualitative consultation with athletes and athletes' commissions" in September, followed by a "mixed quantitative and qualitative online survey with the global athlete community" in October. The Australian Olympic Committee did an interesting survey amongst their athletes to answer one central question of the Rule 50 discussion:



A first report is expected to be presented to the IOC Executive Board in December, with a finalised recommendation intended in the first quarter of 2021.

In the upcoming season, the Committee will closely follow the impact of COVID-19 on our sport and more precisely on the athletes and how it affected their daily life.

**Vladislav Tretiak**  
Chairman



## IIHF COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Coaching Committee Report

The 2019-20 season was extremely challenging for everyone, given the pandemic that touched lives all around the world. This, of course, also had an impact on the plans of the Coaching Committee. With safety being the highest priority, all face-to-face activities, including Committee Meetings, needed to be postponed or cancelled mid-March 2020. Along with the IIHF World Championship, the IIHF International Coaching Symposium had to be cancelled.

However, I am extremely happy and proud that the IIHF launched its first ever Coach Developer Program in the fall of 2019. It is of utmost importance that the IIHF helps the National Associations deliver effective coach development in their countries. Therefore, the CDP is not about developing better coaches; it is about developing coaches of coaches.

Based on the intelligence gathered through organizational assessments and the professional discussions, a total of nine participants from seven Member National Associations were provided the opportunity to take part in the pilot of this program. The IIHF Coach Developer Program consists of four intensive contact-study periods and remote tasks through which the participants are equipped with the necessary skills to deliver coach development in their countries.

As mentioned, the program is at its pilot phase. We will continue to evaluate the content with the intention of creating a steady program, open to more and more Member National Associations.

# 500+

**ICE HOCKEY DRILL VIDEOS  
PRODUCED FOR IIHF DRILL HUB**

Also, together with the Youth and Junior Development Committee, we have made good use of this time during the pandemic, to ensure further resources will be made available to the IIHF Membership and all other stakeholders involved in our game. As such, the IIHF website will feature many new tools, such as a all-new Coaching Section and the Player Development Guide. These will include numerous resources from the Coach Development Framework and Drill Hub to provide guidance on off-ice training, session planning and much more.

As a committee we continue to work hard, which as we know is not always synonymous with success. However, I must say, the effort on Coaching Development is important and our Committee has worked diligently to reach all aspiring and current coaches in an effort to enhance the Coaching Leadership world-wide. To Aku Nieminen, Dr. Frauke Kubischta, our Committee, and the resource professionals we have engaged this past year .... thank you so very much.

The Coach.

Regards and best wishes to all,

**Tom Renney**

Chairman



Alpo Suhonen speaking during the Coach Developer Program.

## Competition & Coordination Committee Report

Usually the IIHF competition season ends with the Gold Medal Game of the top division IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. But this season the last official IIHF championship game was played at the 2020 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship in Akureyni (ISL) between the host Iceland and Ukraine with a last goal scored by Silvia Bjorgvindottir of Team Iceland for a 7-0 win.

Within the 2020 IIHF Championship Program:

- 19 tournaments and a total of 348 games needed to be cancelled due to the ongoing spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19)
- 13 IIHF Championships & Qualifications with a total of 209 games could be played and operated around the world under the IIHF banner

For the past season, the Committee structured and seeded the 2020 IIHF Championship Program with 204 entered teams in 32 individual championships with 557 games in our 5 categories as follows:

CATEGORY	TEAMS	EVENTS	GAMES
Men's Senior:	54	8	151
Men's Under 20:	42	6	111
Men's Under 18:	46	7	121
Women's Senior:	40	6	106
Women's Under 18:	28	5	68
<b>Totals</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>557</b>

For the upcoming season, the Committee has structured and seeded 216 eligible teams in 33 individual championships tournaments to be held next year in our 5 categories as follows:

Men's Senior	55
Men's Under 20	42
Men's Under 18	46
Women's Senior	42
Women's Under 18	31

At least the Men's 2022 Olympic Winter Games Qualification tournaments (Round 1-3) could be finalized and the Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments in Slovakia, Latvia and Norway are scheduled for August 2021.

The Women's 2022 Olympic Winter Games Qualification program will start during the 2020/21 season with the Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments in Czech Republic, Germany and Sweden also scheduled for August 2021.

# 348

**TOTAL NUMBER OF CANCELLED  
IIHF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES  
DUE TO COVID-19**



From left: Hungary, Poland, and Slovenia advanced to the Final Olympic Qualification

This past season the Committee has been very active with various topics. Through the operation of 2 separate meetings and various conference calls the Committee turned its attention especially on the following:

- Recommendations to Council on force major Cancellation of IIHF Championships due to Coronavirus i.e. relegation/promotion, seeding, World Ranking
- Recommendations to Council for IIHF Championship Season 2020/2021 in regards of COVID-19

As well as international calendar issues, 2022 Beijing Olympic Winter Games men and women game schedule and qualification tournaments, women's program future ideas etc. and its continued discussion of all coordination matters with MNA's, Clubs, Leagues, CHL, KHL and NHL. The Chairman was invited and happy to support the IIHF/NHL/NHLPA and IOC meetings and participated as IIHF Representative in CHL General-, Board- and Sport Sessions and European Club Hockey Alliance Assembly.

The Chairman would like to thank all the Committee Members, involved stakeholders, the Office and committee secretary Christian Hofstetter for their flexibility and constructive and outstanding work.

**Franz Reindl**  
Chairman



## IIHF COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Event & Evaluation Committee Report

The IIHF Event & Evaluation Committee has met twice during the season 2019-2020 to discuss event-related issues.

The committee proposed a system for the pre-allocation of WM18, WW and WW18 top events to enhance the quality of the event through more time for planning and acquiring of sponsors. The related proposal was discussed by council in their meeting in Rome. With some amendments it was supposed to be on the agenda of the 2020 IIHF Annual Congress which had to be cancelled. The revised proposition has been delayed to one of the next Congresses.

Proposals to change event related regulations are on the agenda of every second IIHF Semi Annual Congress (odd years) and were due for the 2019 SAC in Rome. After discussions, the Committee submitted respective changes in Competition By-laws, Championship Regulations and Bid Regulations which all together passed Council and Congress approval. They will be in effect for the 2020-21 season.

Due to the extraordinary allocation of the WMs in the years 2023 to 2025 (see below), the Committee adapted the usual bid procedures for application and evaluation to the new situation. Therefore, the 2024 WM technical information from CZE was reviewed, however no site visit has been scheduled due to the Covid travel restrictions.

The organisational progress of allocated WMs and WMIs are always and continuously monitored by the committee and measured against the promises made in the bid application. Site visits have also been carried out to WMI hosts in order to support the organiser to meet the technical standards and high expectations to an event being produced in cooperation with In-front.

In closing, I would like to thank my Committee Secretary and Committee Members for their concerted efforts in ensuring that the high standard of current IIHF Championships is maintained and continuously setting new benchmarks, on and off the ice.

**Kalervo Kummola**  
Chairman

### HOST OF THE IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

<b>2023</b>	RUSSIA
<b>2024</b>	CZECH REPUBLIC
<b>2025</b>	SWEDEN & DENMARK

### Facilities Working Group Report

The IIHF Facilities Working Group has, during the season 2019-2020, thanks to the concerted efforts of its members, successfully realized its long-term goals in terms of the IIHF Council's mandates:

- 1) IIHF Facilities Ice Making- and Maintenance Seminars
- 2) IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Ice Specifications
- 3) IIHF Low-Cost Ice Rink Specification and Budget
- 4) IIHF Blueprints for Functional Operational & Low-Cost Arenas
- 5) IIHF Ice Rink Guide
- 6) IIHF Ice Rink Index

#### 1. IIHF Facilities Ice Making- and Maintenance Seminars

Three IIHF Ice Making- and Maintenance Seminars were requested to hold this season by our Members; one in Mexico one in Bulgaria and one in Asia. All three had to be put on hold and it has been decided to postpone the seminars because of the pandemic COVID-19.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the following IIHF Ice Making- and Maintenance Seminars have been conducted under the chair of the IIHF Facilities Working Group:

- 2014 JACA / SPAIN
- 2015 SAN SEBASTIAN / SPAIN
- 2015 BUDAPEST / HUNGARY
- 2017 LEUVEN / BELGIUM
- 2018 BEIJING / CHINA
- 2020 LAUSANNE / SWITZERLAND

The Ice Making seminars have, throughout the years, become very popular and are always organized together with the local national Ice Hockey Federation and led by the ice experts of the IIHF Facilities Working Group.

#### 2. IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Ice Management

In an effort to standardize ice conditions for IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships, the IIHF Facilities Working Group has established IIHF WM Ice Specification Guidelines as well as given assistance to the local national WM Organizer, regarding the setup of the WM ice and the education of local ice masters. We strongly encourage organizers and facility owner to consider the benefits of using this documentation which is offered as a support reference for the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships.

The IIHF Facilities Working Group Ice Management documentation:

- IIHF WM Ice Specification Guidelines
- IIHF WM Ice Specifications Schematic
- IIHF WM Ice Material Checklist
- IIHF WM Arenas Ice Making- and Management Seminars (e.g. 2019 Bratislava and 2020 Lausanne).

#### 3. IIHF Low-Cost Ice Rink Specification and Budget

The Facilities Working Group has setup a specification and a budget in regards of low-cost ice rinks to serve our Member

National Associations. With this budget, which can be modified, depending on the manpower- and or material costs in different countries, ice rink builders get a useful tool in hands to work on and to calculate on a low-cost ice rink.

The low-cost ice rink budget is available for our Member National Associations and can be requested from the IIHF office.

#### 4. IIHF Blueprints for Functional Operational & Low-Cost Ice Rinks

During the past term, MNAs and their affiliates contacted the Facilities Working Group and applied for the IIHF Blueprints. The IIHF Blueprints are under constant development by the IIHF Facilities Working Group under the supervision of Member Patxi Lagarda.

Patxi Lagarda's work on the 3D version of the blueprints, give decision makers the required visual awareness of a possible ice rink project and the most effective and enlightening way is to use 3-D animations. This virtual reality animation will easily stimulate a possible interest in building new ice rinks, which is why the Facilities Working Group has decided to go ahead with the work on Blueprints and to create them for arenas, both electronically and on paper.

#### 5. IIHF Ice Rink Guide

The new IIHF Ice Rink Guide was launched during the 2016 IIHF Annual Congress and offers extensive information about building and maintaining an ice rink, business plans and dimensions needed for ice hockey and ice sports in general. It includes financial and technical facts and offers advice on how to integrate the social, recreational and cultural facilities and services the community needs.

The IIHF Ice Rink Guide is available in the following languages:

- English
- Spanish
- Russian
- French

It is planned to make the IIHF Ice Rink Guide available in Chinese language as well.

#### 6. IIHF Ice Rink Index

One of the Facilities Working Group mandates is to setup an ice rink index and to catalogue (sizes, infrastructure, energy consumption, etc.) the world-wide numbers of ice rinks. The Facilities Working Group member Zoltan Kovacs has worked hard with the project and it is ready to be launched very soon.

In closing I would like to express the high interest of not only our MNA's, but also other International Federations such as ISU and WCF in working together to build more ice rinks to benefit all our ice sports in general. At this time, I also would like to thank my Facilities Working Group Members and Secretary for the considerable amount of time they dedicate to their work for the IIHF Facilities Working Group, during actual and past years.

It is always a pleasure for me to work with our group and we will continue to come up with new strategies to help our Member National Associations develop their programs towards the future of our game of ice hockey and of all ice sports, as we continue to receive many requests from our membership to provide such know-how and support to achieve their goals.

#### Frank Gonzalez

Chairman

2014		2014		2014		2014		2014	
IIHF BLUEPRINT ICE RINK		ICE RINK		ICE RINK		ICE RINK		ICE RINK	
		UNIT		QUANTITY		TOTAL		COST	



## IIHF COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Historical Committee Report

The IIHF Historical Committee met in November 2019 to select the players and builders that would form the IIHF Hall of Fame Induction Class of 2020.

Hungarian Ice Hockey Federation General Secretary **Zoltan Kovacs** was the recipient of the 2020 Paul Loicq Award, and the Richard "Bibi" Torriani Award went to Dutch ice hockey legend **Ron Berteling**.

In the Builder Category, the Historical Committee chose to honour former Korean Ice Hockey Association President **Mong-Won Chun**. A pioneer who helped start the Asia League in 2003, as KIHA President Chun oversaw the participation of the men's Korean ice hockey team and the Unified Korea women's team and the PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics.

Included in the Player Category was Canada's **Ryan Smyth**, who wore the "C" for his country at the World Championship more than any other player in tournament history. He played more World Championship games than any Canadian – 61 – and was captain for a record 39. Russian star forward **Alexei Yashin** was a force in the NHL, and internationally competed in nine World Championships (gold in 1993, bronze in 2005), three Olympics (silver in 1998, bronze in 2002), and two World Cups (1996, 2004). Next was Finnish defenceman **Kimmo Timonen**, who overcame a potential career-ending injury to become Stanley Cup champion in his final game. The blueliner was also a five-time Olympian and multiple medallist at the World Championship.

A pair of Swiss hockey stars were selected for induction in 2020. **Mathias Seger** achieved a rare hat trick of captaincies during his career. He wore the "C" for the Swiss national team at the World Juniors in 1997, for the senior team at the World Championship four times (2010, 2011, 2013, 2014), and for the Olympic team in 2014 in Sochi. Seger was joined by countryman **Mark Streit**, who like Seger represented Switzerland in four consecutive Olympics Games (2002, 2006, 2010, 2018).

It was expected that the Swiss duo would get to be inducted on home ice together with the rest of the Class of 2020 at the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in Zurich. However, due to COVID-19, the Induction Ceremony was canceled together with the 2020 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. The Historical Committee still plans to honour the Class of 2020 by integrating it into the 2021 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. More details will be announced later.

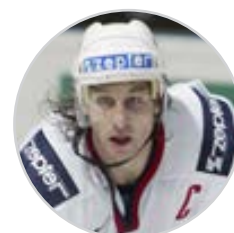
**René Fasel**  
Chairman



## 2020 Induction Class



**BUILDER CATEGORY:**  
**MONG-WON CHUNG, KOREA**



**PLAYER CATEGORY:**  
-RYAN SMYTH, CANADA  
-ALEXEI YASHIN, RUSSIA  
-KIMMO TIMONEN, FINLAND  
-MARK STREIT, SWITZERLAND  
-MATHIAS SEGER, SWITZERLAND



**RICHARD "BIBI" TORRIANI AWARD:**  
-RON BERTELING, NETHERLANDS  
**PAUL LOICQ AWARD:**  
-ZOLTAN KOVACS, HUNGARY

## Medical Committee Report

The 2019/2020 IIHF season will go down in history – for once the season was not characterized by unforgettable games, goals and emotions but the cancellation of the vast majority of the IIHF events due to COVID-19.

The Medical Committee played a key-role in supporting the IIHF Council and Office in its direction and decisions regarding the cancellations and will continue to guide our way forward into our upcoming season. Our committee will give everything to enable the realization of the IIHF events in a safe environment for all participants and support the hosts and teams in their preparations.

In the context of the coronavirus, the IIHF established a roadmap which gives guidance and provides tools to support its member national associations (see illustration below).

The roadmap consists of four phases which describe a possible return to practices scenarios. However, the recommendations always need to be looked at in relation to the local situation and the regulations and recommendations of the respective public health organization in each country. In addition, the IIHF created a knowledge hub sharing examples from countries to learn from each other.

During the season, the IIHF continued its work regarding players safety and assigned Medical Supervisors to almost all IIHF events. Two more Medical Supervisors have been trained during their traineeship. These doctors accompanied more experienced Supervisors and became acquainted with the job on-site and first-hand. These engaged new Supervisors facilitate the assignment to the events and relive their colleagues in the busy schedule.

Several combined Anti-Doping and Match-Fixing Education and Outreach Programs took place during different World Championships which will be continued in the upcoming season. To support the IIHF education program, a new video about the Doping Control Process has been produced which will explain step-by-step what a player can expect during a doping test.

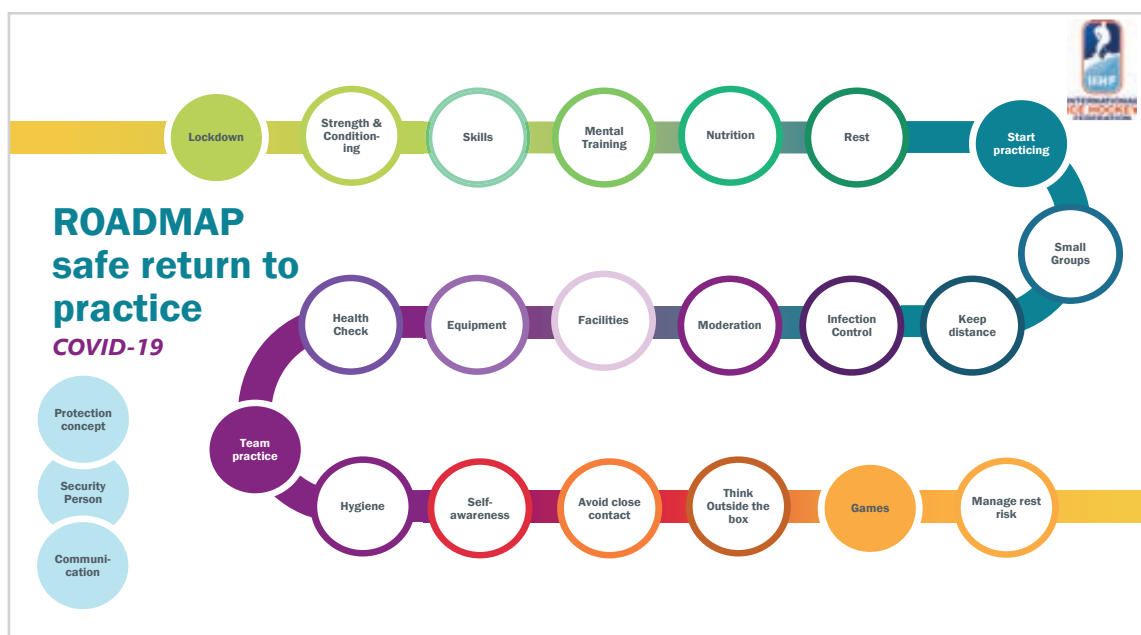
The IIHF continued the Team Whereabouts Program, which aims to suit the nature of the sport, whilst still providing the most effective possible doping deterrent. Therefore, in order for the IIHF to conduct out-of-competition doping controls, some teams participating in the IIHF World Championships were required to submit details of their training and game schedules to the IIHF.

The IIHF also continued testing in the KHL, WHL and MHL. More than 300 tests had been conducted throughout the season. The program will be continued in the next season as well.

The Medical Committee was also involved in the establishment of the Transgender as well as the Abuse and Harassment Policy. The Transgender Policy is already in force and can be found on IIHF.com, whereas the Abuse and Harassment Policy is in the final steps for approval.

I truly wish to thank the Committee for the great work during this term! The passion and the commitment within the group truly contributes to the most important area which is the safety of hockey players all around the world.

**Henrik Bach Nielsen**  
Chairman



IIHF Medical Committee produced a general roadmap and tools to support its member national associations as they return to the ice.



## IIHF COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Officiating Committee Report

The Officiating Committee managed to execute a major activity before the COVID-19 disruption: the Officiating Coach Seminar in August 2019.

In order for Game Officials to perform at their highest possible level, good coaching is essential. Namely, providing clear and strict guidelines, evaluating the performances during the games, giving honest and motivating feedback after the games and running constructive meetings on the Game Officials' performances are all crucial to support the Game Officials in the best possible way.

It is evident that it is the IIHF's objective to provide the best possible coaching to its Game Officials. This can, however, only be achieved if the IIHF can work with high-standard Officiating Coaches.

The annual meeting of the IIHF Officiating Coaches took place in Barcelona, Spain at the end of August. This brought together 27 IIHF Officiating Coaches, with 10 IIHF Trainee Officiating Coaches from around the world for a series of workshops and presentations over the two-days.

This is a key meeting for the IIHF Officiating Coaches each year. It provides updates and valuable information to help them perform their role and to set the plan for the season.

The meeting this year represented a new era for the IIHF officiating programme for three reasons:

- The old role title and role of the "Referee Supervisor" was replaced with the new role title and role of "Officiating Coaches".
- 10 new IIHF Trainee Officiating Coaches were identified and introduced for the up-coming season to help widen the pool of Officiating Coaches for use in the future.
- A new IT infrastructure was rolled out to support collaborative teamwork and communication across the IIHF Officiating Coaches team.

Attendees received presentations from members of the IIHF staff, alongside IIHF Officiating Committee Members, and even heard from some of their colleagues in the room about officiating programmes in their countries.

Whilst the first day focused on the tools and infrastructure systems and on the concept of coaching in the abstract, the second day challenged the attendees by getting into the detail of officiating and hockey IQ needed. In a climate where all sports have been grappling with achieving the right balance with the use of video reviews, IIHF Officiating Committee Member, Kim Pedersen led a session on the plans for the Video Goal Judge Operations going forwards.



Former NHL official and current IIHF Officiating Coach Trainee, Greg Kimmerly gave a presentation to his peers on his first impressions as an IIHF Officiating Coach and on his ideas for where the IIHF officiating programme can develop. This was a great insight into how the IIHF can learn from other countries and from the NHL and adapt some of its existing processes to become even more efficient and effective.

Tomas Thorsbrink, IIHF Officiating Coach from Sweden also spoke to his peers and shared some insights from the Swedish Leagues. This presented some great ideas for the attendees to take away and think about in terms of developing officiating programmes in their own countries.

#### IIHF Officiating Coach – Core Competences

- Communication Skills
- Human Relation Skills/ Emotional Intelligence
- Leadership
- Developing Vision/Strategic Skills/Philosophy
- Building the Environment
- Sport Skills
- Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving
- Personal and Professional Development
- Integrity

Overall, the meeting can be described as a meaningful, interactive and engaging few days which brought together a group of like-minded individuals and further cemented them as a strong team with a clear goal for the season. It provided clear direction for the officiating programme this year and established a very high bar for the programme to start from and to continue to grow and move forward.

#### Sergej Gontcharov/Marta Zawadzka

Chairman/Co-Chairwoman

### Player Safety Committee Report

The 2018/2019 season saw the IIHF Player Safety Committee follow up on a selection of key targets within its mandate.

Following the successful completion and launch of the 2018–2022 IIHF Rule Book, the Player Safety committee worked with the IIHF Officiating Committee to develop informational resources to inform various stakeholders of the new rules.

In cooperation with the National Hockey League, the Kontinental Hockey League, the Czech, Finnish, Swedish, and Swiss leagues, IIHF Player Safety released a set of instructional videos for fans, players, and coaches covering the implementation and enforcement of the Late Hit rule.

The Player Safety Committee also recognized the need for key ice hockey organizations to become more closely involved in the development of the IIHF Rule Book. It is also important that the Rule Book should become a more fluid and versatile document, that can integrate new rule changes and sport regulation changes in a faster way instead of the usual four-year cycle.

To this effect, the committee conducted a review of the IIHF Rule Book proposal process, and submitted a selection of proposals to the IIHF Sport Department and the IIHF Council.

Moving forward, the committee will evaluate the best practices of various player safety bodies around the ice hockey world, and come up with a set of strategic proposals for the IIHF in order to maximize the committee's influence in improving the safety of the sport.

I would like to sincerely thank all of the members from the Player Safety Committee, the IIHF Committees, the MNAs, and the various leagues and clubs for their hard work and their commitment to player safety.

#### Bob Nicholson

Chairman

### Environmental & Social Activities Committee Report

The season 2019/2020 started as a busy season with a lot of creative projects. The committee arranged various meetings with the 2020 OC to support them with their sustainability strategy. The cooperation was very fruitful and the commitment from 2020 WM organizers was tremendous.

Parallel to these efforts, the Social & Environment Committee organized a children's workshop in cooperation with the University of Zurich.

The so-called science lab of the University would have carried out various scientific workshop for children with the focus on ice hockey. Unfortunately, the 2020 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship got cancelled and therefore the projects were not implemented.

Even though the 2020 IIHF Sustainability Awards were cancelled, the committee is very happy to hear back from past applicants. Some of the projects are still carried on and contribute to save the environment. Thanks to all MNAs and Organizing Committees for your passionate work!

In the season 2019/2020 the Committee applied for various awards to show the IIHF's contribution to sustainability: The IOC Sport and Active Society Commission Development Grant

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offered a fund to apply for in the category “Tackling climate change and protecting the environment through sport and physical activity”.

Also, we are waiting to hear back from the GAISF, which will for the first time award an International Federation the GAISF Sustainability Award. We applied for the award with our IIHF mobility concept and various projects around transportation.

The Committee is very pleased to work in this growing and important area and is motivated to work on the matters listed above and any project that IIHF deems relevant to the Committee.

**Beate Grupp**  
Chairwoman



Bulgaria working on a sustainability project "Caps for the Future".

### TV/New Media/Marketing Committee Report

The TV/New Media/Marketing Committee experienced a “changing of the guard” over the past year. Committee Chairman and IIHF Vice-President Kalle Kummola stepped down after leading the committee since its inception in 2016. Council Member Bob Nicholson was named the new Committee Chairman and officially took on his first duties at the Committee Meeting that took place in November 2019 in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Robert Schütt (member) and Piet Heer (secretary) additionally left the committee after taking on new roles outside of the IIHF community. Finally, in June 2020, the Committee Secretary position was filled by the new IIHF Marketing & Communications Director, Shelby Mull who started at the IIHF in May 2020.

Previous committee members Scott Smith, Jan Cerny, and Kresimir Svirig as well as external experts Paul Graham, Mika Sulin and Olga Romaneko will further round out the committee.

After a longer pause of activity due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the cancellation of IIHF Championships as a result, the Committee sought to reconvene and continue with the positive momentum from last year.



A playoff game from the 2020 IIHF Esport Fan Championship.

For Committee Chairman Bob Nicholson and the committee members, it is very important to continue setting objectives and getting projects from start to finish over the course of a season. As a result, the Committee will be focusing therefore on a few key projects where measurable results can be seen.

One topic in particular includes a collaboration with EA Sports to integrate the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, the IIHF World Junior Championship and, for the first time ever, the IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship to help promote gender-equality. This collaboration will help strengthen not only the promotion of the tournaments themselves but will also give the IIHF a stronger credibility standing within the esports community and with its future esports championship concepts.

Further topics that the Committee would like to focus on include the improvement in standards and guidelines for U20, U18 and women's tournaments to in turn bolster the commercial importance and promotion of these platforms, as well as a standardized high-quality web-streaming solution for the lower division championships.

**Bob Nicholson**  
Chairman

### Women's Committee Report

The IIHF Women's Committee was preparing for a very busy season in 2019-2020 with the Women's World Championships scheduled to take place in Canada and another incredibly exciting championship season, however the global COVID-19 pandemic altered those ambitious plans.

The Committee was also unable to realize all annual meetings but the first meeting in November 2019 was organized with a full membership, USA Hockey nominated and the IIHF council approved USA Hockey's Katie Million to replace former member Reagan Carey.



Fortunately, the first half of the season brought its usual slate of events, including the ninth edition of the World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend (WGIHW) recruitment initiative. The WGIHW took place over two days, October 5-6, 2019 and a total of 526 events were organized worldwide in 42 countries, including a record turnout in Istanbul, Turkey and successful happenings in Estonia and Belarus amongst many others.

The Committee is determined to provide the IIHF membership with resources and information on organizing such events through the online platform Hockey Centre as well as by facilitating WGIHW seminars at the High Performance Camps.

The annual Global Girls' Game (GGG) was also organized successfully in February 2020 with 37 games taking place in as many countries. Team Blue managed to steal the final victory yet again with a cumulative score of 127-111. Over one thousand female players participated in the event worldwide and hockey was played non-stop for 36 hours. GGG kicked off in Bad Sachsa, Germany and half a globe away on Hokkaido island, Japan, then continued to such locations as San Jeronimo, Mexico, Buenos Aires, Argentina and for the first time ever Skopje, North Macedonia.

The IIHF Women's Committee is as committed as ever to growing the game for girls around the world and to achieve that will organize a global conference for all women's hockey leaders.

The summit was scheduled to take place in the 2019-2020 season but will take place as soon as the global health situation allows doing it safely for all participants. The event will be open to the entire IIHF membership and will include all major topics such as recruitment, Olympic preparation, career path and non-sport issues, such as event hosting and marketing.

With the Olympic qualifications starting early in 2020-2021, the IIHF Women's Committee wishes everyone a successful, exciting but mostly healthy new season!

### **Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer**

Chairwoman

## **Youth and Junior Development Committee Report**

Needless to say, the 2019-20 season was truly challenging because of the coronavirus. Many of the planned events, initiatives, meetings, and other activities scheduled to take place in the spring of 2020 had to be cancelled and postponed.

It is obvious that the safety and health of everyone is the highest priority and it is extremely important that we carry the responsibility to take care of each other.



## **2019 IIHF HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT CAMP IN VIERUMÄKI, FINLAND**

However, despite the challenges in the spring, we did start off well with the 2019 IIHF Hockey Development Camp. The camp once more brought the world of ice hockey together as a total of 287 people from 50 countries attended the seven development programs operated simultaneously. The programs were:

- Recruitment and Intro to Learn to Play
- MNA Leadership Development
- Coach Development
- Goalkeeper Coach Development
- Team Manager Development
- Equipment Manager Development
- Player Development

Keeping IIHF's "teach the teachers" philosophy in mind, the camps remain to be a critical part of IIHF programming. It is crucial that the IIHF supports the Member National Associations in their work in the development of our game and it is then their responsibility to apply the knowledge gained to deliver the best possible experiences to the players and the whole hockey community in their countries. I wish to thank the staff and developers for their valuable work.

The Partnership for Progress Program was a success in the 2018-19 season but the coronavirus unfortunately forced us to cancel most of our plans for the past season. We managed to run a total of three Hockey Seminars but the rest needed to be cancelled. Same applied to the club-club projects. We will closely follow and continuously evaluate the situation in the following season, hoping that we could keep the momentum.

We have also, in co-operation with the Coaching Committee, worked on creating many new resources, such as the Learn to Play manual, which will be released and launched during the fall of 2020.

Finally, I wish to thank all the Committee Members and the Secretary for the great work they do and their contributions to the work of our Committee.

### **Petr Briza**

Chairman







# IIHF HALL OF FAME

## INDUCTEE LIST

	Born	Inducted	Category		Born	Inducted	Category		Born	Inducted	Category
<b>AUSTRIA</b>				Frantisek Pospisil	1944	1999	Player	Lucio Topatigh	1965	2015	Player (T)
Hans Dobida	1929	2007	Builder	Robert Reichel	1971	2015	Player				
Dieter Kalt	1941	2017	Builder	Miroslav Subrt	1926	2004	Builder	<b>JAPAN</b>			
Josef Puschnig	1947	1999	Player	Jan Suchy	1944	2009	Player	Shoichi Tomita	1936	2006	Builder
Walter Wasservogel	1919	1997	Builder	Frantisek Tikal	1933	2004	Player	Tsutomu Kawabuchi	1925	2004	Builder
				Vladimir Zabrodsky	1923	1997	Player	Yoshiaki Tsutsumi	1934	1999	Builder
<b>BELARUS</b>				<b>DENMARK</b>				<b>KAZAKHSTAN</b>			
Ruslan Salei	1974	2014	Player	Jesper Damgaard	1975	2018	Player (T)	Boris Alexandrov	1955	2019	Builder
<b>BELGIUM</b>				Jorgen Hviid	1916	2005	Builder				
Paul Loicq	1888	1997	Builder	<b>FINLAND</b>				<b>KOREA</b>			
<b>CANADA</b>				Raimo Helminen	1964	2012	Player	Mong-Won Chung	1955	2020	Builder
Father David Bauer	1924	1997	Builder	Timo Jutila	1963	2003	Player				
Rob Blake	1969	2018	Player	Matti Keinonen	1941	2002	Player	<b>LATVIA</b>			
Roger Bourbonnais	1942	1999	Player	Saku Koivu	1974	2017	Player	Helmuts Balderis	1952	1998	Player
Mike Buckna	1913	2004	Builder	Jari Kurri	1960	2000	Player	Arturs Irbe	1967	2010	Player
Murray Costello	1934	2014	Builder	Jere Lehtinen	1973	2018	Player				
Danielle Goyette	1966	2013	Player	Harry Lindblad	1912	1999	Builder	<b>NORWAY</b>			
Wayne Gretzky	1961	2000	Player	Pekka Marjamäki	1947	1998	Player	Tore Johannessen	1922	1999	Builder
Geraldine Heaney	1967	2008	Player	Riikka Nieminen-Väilä	1973	2010	Player				
Paul Henderson	1943	2013	Player	Kalevi Numminen	1940	2011	Builder	<b>POLAND</b>			
William Hewitt	1875	1998	Builder	Teppo Numminen	1968	2013	Player	Henryk Gruth	1957	2006	Player
Derek Holmes	1939	1999	Builder	Lasse Oksanen	1942	1999	Player				
Fran Huck	1945	1999	Player	Esa Peltonen	1947	2007	Player	<b>ROMANIA</b>			
Angela James	1964	2008	Player	Ville Peltonen	1973	2016	Player	Eduard Pana	1944	1998	Player
Marshall Johnston	1941	1998	Player	Teemu Selanne	1970	2017	Player	Doru Tureanu	1954	2011	Player
Gordon Juckes	1914	1997	Builder	Goran Stubb	1935	2000	Builder				
Dave King	1947	2001	Builder	Kimmo Timonen	1975	2020	Player	<b>RUSSIA</b>			
Bob LeBel	1905	1997	Builder	Jorma Valtonen	1946	1999	Player	Veniamin Alexandrov	1937	2007	Player
Mario Lemieux	1965	2008	Player	Juhani Wahlsten	1938	2006	Player	Vsevolod Bobrov	1922	1997	Player
Vic Lindquist	1908	1997	Player	Unto Wiitala	1925	2003	Referee	Pavel Bure	1971	2012	Player
Barry MacKenzie	1941	1999	Player	Urpo Ylonen	1943	1997	Player	Vyacheslav Bykov	1960	2014	Player
Seth Martin	1933	1997	Player					Arkady Chernyshev	1914	1999	Builder
Jackie McLeod	1930	1999	Player	<b>FRANCE</b>				Vitaly Davydov	1939	2004	Player
Andy Murray	1951	2012	Builder	Philippe Bozon	1966	2008	Player	Igor Dimitriev	1941	2007	Builder
Bob Nadin	1933	2018	Builder	Jacques Lacarriere	1906	1998	Player	Sergei Fyodorov	1969	2016	Player
Scott Niedermayer	1973	2015	Player	Philippe Lacarriere	1938	2018	Builder	Vyacheslav Fetisov	1958	2005	Player
Terry O'Malley	1946	1998	Player	Louis Magnus	1881	1997	Builder	Anatoli Firsov	1941	1998	Player
Pat Quinn	1943	2016	Builder					Valeri Kamenski	1966	2016	Player
Gordon Renwick	1935	2002	Builder	<b>GERMANY</b>				Yuri Karandin	1937	2004	Referee
Fran Rider	1951	2015	Builder	Rudi Ball	1910	2004	Player	Alexei Kasatonov	1959	2009	Player
Joe Sakic	1969	2017	Player	Dieter Hegen	1962	2010	Player	Valeri Kharlamov	1948	1998	Player
Ryan Smyth	1976	2020	Player	Heinz Henschel	1920	2003	Builder	Andrei Khomutov	1961	2014	Player
Harry Sinden	1932	1997	Player	Gustav Jaenecke	1908	1998	Player	Viktor Konovalenko	1938	2007	Player
Steve Yzerman	1965	2014	Player	Udo Kiessling	1955	2000	Player	Vladimir Krutov	1960	2010	Player
Harry Watson	1898	1998	Player	Josef Kompalla	1936	2003	Referee	Viktor Kuzkin	1940	2005	Player
Hayley Wickenheiser	1978	2019	Player	Uwe Krupp	1965	2017	Player	Igor Larionov	1960	2008	Player
				Erich Kuhnhackl	1950	1997	Player	Konstantin Loktev	1933	2007	Player
<b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b>				Hans Rampf	1931	2001	Player	Sergei Makarov	1958	2001	Player
Quido Adamec	1924	2005	Referee	Dr. Gunther Sabetzki	1915	1997	Builder	Alexander Maltsev	1949	1999	Player
Vladimir Bouzek	1920	2007	Player	Alois Schloder	1947	2005	Player	Boris Mayorov	1938	1999	Player
Vlastimil Bubnik	1931	1997	Player	Xaver Unsinn	1929	1998	Builder	Boris Mikhailov	1944	2000	Player
Ludek Bukac	1935	2007	Builder	Joachim Ziesche	1939	1999	Player	Vladimir Petrov	1947	2006	Player
Josef Cerny	1939	2007	Player					Alexander Ragulin	1941	1997	Player
Jaroslav Drobny	1921	1997	Player	<b>GREAT BRITAIN</b>				Nikolai Sologubov	1924	2004	Player
Karel Gut	1927	1998	Player	Bunny Ahearne	1900	1997	Builder	Andrei Starovoitov	1915	1997	Builder
Dominik Hasek	1965	2015	Player	Carl Erhardt	1897	1998	Player	Vyacheslav Starshinov	1940	2007	Player
Ivan Hlinka	1950	2002	Player	Peter Patton	1876	2002	Builder	Anatoli Tarasov	1918	1997	Builder
Jiri Holecek	1944	1998	Player	Tony Hand	1967	2017	Player (T)	Viktor Tikhonov	1930	1998	Builder
Jiri Holik	1944	1999	Player					Vladislav Tretyak	1952	1997	Player
Vladimir Kostka	1922	1997	Builder	<b>HUNGARY</b>				Valeri Vasiliev	1949	1998	Player
Oldrich Machac	1944	1999	Player	Gyorgy Pasztor	1923	2001	Builder	Alexander Yakushev	1947	2003	Player
Josef Malecek	1903	2003	Player	Laszlo Schell	1948	2009	Referee	Alexei Yashin	1973	2020	Player
Vladimir Martinec	1949	2001	Player	Gabor Ocskay	1975	2016	Player (T)	Vladimir Yurzinov	1940	2002	Builder
Bohumil Modry	1916	2011	Player								
Vaclav Nedomansky	1944	1997	Player	<b>ITALY</b>				<b>SLOVAKIA</b>			
Milan Novy	1951	2012	Player	Enrico Calcaterra	1905	1999	Builder	Peter Bondra	1968	2016	Player
								Vladimir Dzurilla	1942	1998	Player

	Born	Inducted	Category		Born	Inducted	Category		Country	Inducted
Josef Golonka	1938	1998	Player	Cammi Granato	1971	2008	Player	<b>PAUL LOICQ AWARD</b>		
Ladislav Horský	1927	2004	Builder	Phil Housley	1964	2012	Player	Wolf-Dieter Montag	GER	1998
Zigmund Palffy	1972	2019	Player	Mark Johnson	1957	1999	Player	Roman Neumayer	GER	1999
Miroslav Satan	1974	2019	Player	John Mayasich	1933	1997	Player	Vsevolod Kukushkin	RUS	2000
Jan Starsi	1933	1999	Builder	Jack McCartan	1935	1998	Player	Isao Kataoka	JPN	2001
Peter Stastny	1956	2000	Player	Mike Modano	1970	2019	Player	Pat Marsh	GBR	2002
Ladislav Trojak	1914	2011	Player	Lou Nanne	1941	2004	Player	George Nagobads	USA	2003
<b>SLOVENIA</b>				Bob Ridder	1919	1998	Builder	Aggie Kukulowicz	CAN	2004
Ernest Aljancic Sr.	1916	2002	Player	Jack Riley	1920	1998	Builder	Rita Hrbacek	AUT	2005
Rudi Hiti	1946	2009	Player	Angela Ruggiero	1980	2017	Player	Bo Tovland	SWE	2006
<b>SWEDEN</b>				Ben Smith	1946	2016	Builder	Bob Nadin	CAN	2007
Daniel Alfredsson	1972	2018	Player	Hal Trumble	1926	1999	Builder	Juraj Okolicany	SVK	2008
Curt Berglund	1923	2003	Builder	Thayer Tutt	1912	2002	Builder	Harald Griebel	GER	2009
Sven Bergkvist	1914	1999	Player					Lou Vairo	USA	2010
Lars Bjorn	1931	1998	Player					Yuri Korolev	RUS	2011
Ove Dahlberg	1931	2004	Referee					Kent Angus	CAN	2012
Jan-Åke Edvinsson	1941	2013	Builder					Gord Miller	CAN	2013
Rudolf Eklow	1904	1999	Builder					Mark Aubry	CAN	2014
Rickard Fagerlund	1937	2010	Builder					Monique Scheier-Schneider	LUX	2015
Peter Forsberg	1973	2013	Player					Nikolai Ozerov	RUS	2016
Arne Grunander	1918	1997	Builder					Patrick Francheterre	FRA	2017
Bengt-Ake Gustafsson	1958	2003	Player					Kirovs Lipmans	LAT	2018
Anders Hedberg	1951	1997	Player					Jim Johansson	USA	2019
Leif Holmqvist	1942	1999	Player					Zoltan Kovacs	HUN	2020
Jorgen Jonsson	1972	2019	Player					<b>RICHARD 'BIBI' TORRIANI AWARD (T)</b>		
Tomas Jonsson	1960	2000	Player					Lucio Topatigh	ITA	2015
Nicklas Lidström	1970	2014	Player					Gabor Ocskay	HUN	2016
Hakan Loob	1960	1998	Player					Tony Hand	GBR	2017
Tord Lundstrom	1945	2011	Player					Jesper Damgaard	DEN	2018
Mats Naslund	1959	2005	Player					Konstantin Mihaylov	BUL	2019
Kent Nilsson	1956	2006	Player					Ron Berteling	NED	2020
Nisse Nilsson	1936	2002	Player					<b>MILESTONE AWARD</b>		
Ronald Pettersson	1935	2004	Player					1972 Canada/USSR SS national teams		2012
Thomas Rundqvist	1960	2007	Player					1954 USSR WM national team		2013
Maria Rooth	1979	2015	Player							
Borje Salming	1951	1998	Player							
Ulf Sterner	1941	2001	Player							
Roland Stoltz	1931	1999	Player							
Arne Stromberg	1920	1998	Builder							
Mats Sundin	1971	2013	Player							
Sven Tumba	1931	1997	Player							
<b>SWITZERLAND</b>										
Ferdinand Cattini	1916	1998	Player							
Hans Cattini	1914	1998	Player							
Jakob Kolliker	1953	2007	Player							
Cesar Luthi	1930	1998	Builder							
Mathias Seger	1977	2020	Player							
Mark Streit	1977	2020	Player							
Bibi Torriani	1911	1997	Player							
<b>UKRAINE</b>										
Anatoli Khorozov	1925	2006	Builder							
<b>UNITED STATES</b>										
Art Berglund	1940	2008	Builder							
Herb Brooks	1937	1999	Builder							
Walter Brown	1905	1997	Builder							
Walter Bush Jr	1929	2009	Builder							
Karyn Bye	1971	2011	Player							
Bill Christian	1938	1998	Player							
Chris Chelios	1962	2018	Player							
Bill Cleary	1934	1997	Player							
Gerry Cosby	1909	1997	Player							
Jim Craig	1957	1999	Player							
Mike Curran	1944	1999	Player							



# UNPRECEDENTED SEASON CALLS FOR LATE LINE CHANGE FOR IIHF AND INFRONT



**In any normal year this would be the time that hockey would reflect on an exciting international season, usually culminating in the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. However, this has not been a normal year and adaptability has been more important than ever for Infront and the IIHF in 2020.**

The cancellation of the 2020 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship eclipsed the whole season and it was a regrettable but ultimately the correct decision to call the event off. Switzerland has a strong passion for ice hockey and there was every belief that Zurich and Lausanne would have put on a spectacular event. No doubt the country will welcome the tournament back again in future years.

A lack of real-life event gave us a gap to fill for fans and, as is often the case, necessity was the mother of invention. Many sports organisations pivoted to gaming during COVID-19 to ensure fans remained engaged while under global lockdown. Esports was an avenue Infront and the IIHF had been exploring before 2020 but the pandemic acted as a catalyst to those plans.

The IIHF-Infront Negotiation Group together with IIHF President René Fasel and Infront CEO Philippe Blatter following Congress approval of the IIHF-Infront contract prolongation. Photo: Adam Steiss





On 8 May – the day the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship was due to start – the IIHF Esports Fan Championship opened for registration. Fans were invited to sign up and represent their country in the first ever IIHF esports event.

Almost 4,500 people registered for the online competition which took place on the NHL 2020 game on both Xbox One and PlayStation 4 consoles. An IIHF account was also established on Twitch – the popular esports streaming platform – and top games were broadcast with multi-language commentary.

By the end of the tournament on 7 June, live games had been watched over 100,000 times with two million more views coming from on-demand video. The finals themselves were watched by 25,000 people as "Rottadee" picked up the Play-

Station 4 title and "Tilantekija" claimed the Xbox One crown. In addition, a total of 70 hours of live content was produced with over 100,000 visits to the website throughout the event. The competition also reached over 13 million people through the IIHF's social media channels whilst recording 377,000 engagements.

The interest and positive feedback from fans around the world illustrated the undeniable appetite for future ice hockey esports events. This will not be the last time IIHF and Infront takes to the virtual rink.

### ONE HUNDRED MOMENTS FROM ONE HUNDRED YEARS

The IIHF's social channels may have been a major driver for the IIHF Esports Fan Championship however it also catered fans searching for nostalgia from past IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships also. The top 100 moments from the World Championships were shared across all channels as the tournament celebrated 100 years since the first edition in Antwerp, Belgium.

Finally the #IIHFVirtualWorlds – a digital version of the event where fans determined the outcome of each game by voting for their favourite team on social media – engaged over 12.5 million fans globally.

### THE LONG-TERM COLLABORATION CONTINUES

The success of the IIHF Esports Fan Championship given the short amount of time for preparation and many challenges that projects like this often face is another testament to the ongoing collaboration between Infront and IIHF. This was one of many reasons Infront is delighted to be partnering the IIHF until 2033 after the extension to the long-running agreement was unanimously ratified by the delegates present at the IIHF Semi-Annual Congress in Rome in September 2019. This new deal provides financial security, continuous investment into multiple services and a tried-and-tested team of seasoned commercial experts in the field of ice hockey.

However, it goes further than that. Infront is committed to increasing the potential of the IIHF to further develop and grow the sport of ice hockey globally and is incredibly proud to remain IIHF's trusted partner on this mission.

As attention now turns to the next chapter for ice hockey and how players, officials and fans can safely attend games, it is with immense pride that Infront can continue to work with the IIHF and adapt to the most challenging of situations.



# IIHF DIGITAL TEAM ADAPTS TO COVID-19

With no World Championship to promote, the IIHF/Infront Digital Team found new and exciting ways to keep fans engaged with IIHF content.

Whether through voting in a virtual World Championship, competing online in an esports IIHF tournament, or watching legendary games and memorable moments through its website and social media channels, the IIHF had plenty of content to offer fans staying at home.

And the results showed, with reporting numbers strong even in a non-tournament setting. In fact, audiences took more actions (shares, comments, likes) on IIHF digital content than ever before, even with 50% less content compared to 2019.

Despite the lack of tournament-focused content, our audiences across owned networks continued to grow, maintaining our 1M+ milestone. With no tournament footage available, we dug into our archives and presented classic World Championship games as live streams for fans to relive their team's most memorable moments. The game replays were particularly successful on the Russian-language channel VK, where over one million viewers tuned in to watch each of the four replays of Team Russia's gold medal victories from the last two decades.

In addition to classic game replays, the IIHF social media channels played a series of videos showcasing the Top 100 World Championship moments. From top goals to controversial moments, exceptional player performances to legendary games, the



The Playoff Bracket for the 2020 IIHF Esports Fan Championship. Over 2,000 gamers participated in the championship.

Top 100 moments brought fans on an incredible journey through decades of World Championship history.

During what would have been the 2020 World Championship period, fans also participated in the vote-based Virtual World Championship, played according to the schedule and format of the cancelled 2020 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

The Virtual Worlds had many surprises and the Latvians were strong from the early beginning. In the playoffs, the fans went the extra mile, out-voting fans from Canada, Slovakia, and finally Finland to make Latvia the first-ever Virtual World Champions.

Based on the votes from the fans and a specialized formula created to convert the number of votes into goals, the IIHF obtained scores for each game, ran group standings and matched up teams for the playoffs via seeding. It was an innovative way to recognize the missed 2020 IIHF Ice Hockey World

## WM 2018 VS. WM 2019



**778,712**

Votes cast in Virtual World Championship



**23K**

New followers gained



**4+ million**

Number of views of five game replays on VK.com



**19k**

User Profiles gained



participated in the IIHF's first-ever Esport offering, with Finland taking home

Championship – played out virtually in this period of social distancing. The IIHF collected over 19K user profiles and information, notably 18.2K from the Virtual World Championship fan vote. This is now our most successful data capture campaign to date.

No sooner was Latvia named as Virtual World Champions that video game fans were treated to an all-new esport offering in the form of the IIHF Esports Fan Championship.

Featuring some of the world's top gamers, this inaugural IIHF Esports Fan Championship included participants from the same 16 countries that would have played in the 2020 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Zurich and Lausanne.

More than 2,000 people registered to participate in the national qualifiers, which were supported by the IIHF's member national associations from the 16 countries. Each country hosted two tournaments played in brackets (one for PlayStation 4 and one for Xbox One), with two players on each platform advancing to represent their country.

Attracting a global audience on Facebook, Twitch, and YouTube, this tournament provided a welcome diversion for hockey fans during the difficult circumstances stemming from the pandemic.

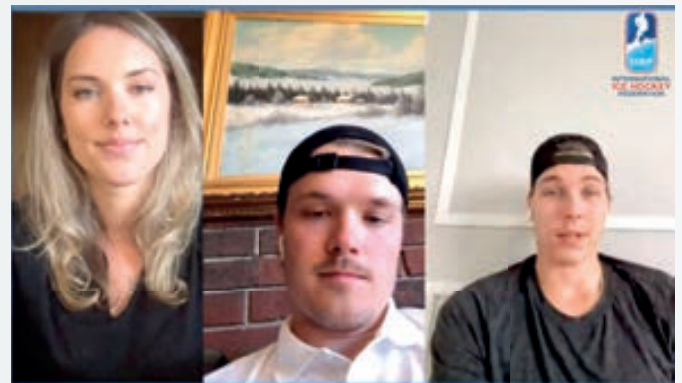
The next step for the IIHF will be to discuss the EFC results with the 16 Members National Associations that took part in the tournament, to get their views, wishes and expectations for what a future Esport event might look like in the future. The goal eventually would be to incorporate as many countries as possible, to give MNAs the chance to create a new platform for fans to enjoy ice hockey.

## DIGITAL MEDIA CONTENT SNAPSHOT



One major strategy for keeping fans engaged during the cancelled WM period was to create graphics that stirred discussion like the one above, which resulted in the IIHF's most-commented social media post ever.

## LIVE VIDEO CHATS WITH WM PLAYERS



With players at home during the pandemic, the IIHF reached out to WM and NHL stars and organized online Q&A sessions with fans.

## TOP 100 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP STORIES



Combining recap articles with archive highlights, the IIHF recounted the Top 100 World Championship stories using IIHF.com and its social media channels.



# HOCKEY HALL OF FAME'S HOCKEY RESOURCE CENTRE HITS 10-YEAR MILESTONE

**On September 8, 2009, the Hockey Hall of Fame celebrated the official ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the D.K. (Doc) Seaman Hockey Resource Centre.**

Funded, in part, by contributions from the Seaman Hotchkiss Hockey Foundation, the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF), the Department of Canadian Heritage and ten individuals who formed the 'HRCA Founders Committee', the facility was named in honour of the late Daryl K. (Doc) Seaman, one of the founding owners of the Calgary Flames and a long-time benefactor of grassroots hockey development in Canada.

At three times the size and offering over 10 times the storage capacity of its previous location within the Hall's premises at Brookfield Place in downtown Toronto, the 18,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art D.K. (Doc) Seaman Hockey Resource Centre encompasses a space the size of an airplane hangar to: access, catalogue, research, preserve and store items not currently on



The official opening of the D.K. (Doc) Seaman Hockey Resource Centre took place on September 8, 2009. Bill Hay (far left), the chairman of the Hockey Hall of Fame at that time, was joined in the ceremonial ribbon cutting by (left to right) Bobby Seaman, son of the late 'Doc' Seaman, as well as Toronto Maple Leaf Honoured Members Johnny Bower and Darryl Sittler. Photo: Craig Campbell/Hockey Hall of Fame

display in the museum or via outreach exhibits; process and house the rapidly growing number of incoming artifacts from around the world; develop and prepare hockey themed exhibits and interpretive programs, such as the Hall's post-secondary online course offering titled "Hockey Hall of Fame Presents", and the recently launched remote learning program for aboriginal classrooms via "The Larry and Judy Tanenbaum Family Legends of Hockey Scholars Fund"; as well as facilitating a more robust and accessible exhibit outreach program in order to reach a wider audience, which includes approximately 100 different destinations annually.



Czech and Russian legends Vaclav Nedomansky and Sergei Zubov added more international flavor to the HHOF Induction Class of 2019

The large footprint also features a theatre/lecture room for presentations, grassroots hockey development programming including instructional clinics, and high performance and sledge hockey events in conjunction with the adjacent ice facilities. For these and other purposes, a portion of the office space is subleased to Hockey Canada.

Within the archives, hockey-related materials are stored in 75, 15-foot-long high-density rolling-storage units. Here, researchers will find the world's largest collection of hockey resource materials, including over 26,000 books, programs and media guides, historical documents, more than 10,000 individual player files, approximately 10,000 individual team, league and trophy files, and at least 500 binders of hockey cards, tickets and team schedules, plus treasured equipment from all levels of the game.

When visitors tour the D.K. (Doc) Seaman Hockey Resource Centre, they are greeted by a view of the world's largest hockey stick collection. At any given time, the racks hold up to 5,000 milestone and championship hockey sticks, all meticulously tagged with the name of the player who used it, his or her team, the date and the stick's significance.

In a climate-controlled room sits the world's largest photo archive devoted solely to hockey. In the 'Cold Room' are more than 3,000,000 photos, including over 2,000,000 negatives, slides, transparencies and digital images, 1,000 glass-plate negatives, 32,000 photographs and over 4,000 film reels, all contained in seven 17-foot-long stacks and shelves.

The 'Digital Archive Centre' is used to scan photos, negatives and slides and to digitize film/video footage. Resource Centre staff is equipped with photo-editing software and state-of-the-art scanners and printers. More than a million digital images available for the media, publishers and licensees are housed via the Hall's "IMAGES ON ICE DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICE" ("IOI Service"). This system supports the Halls role as the "Official Photog-



From left: 2019 Hockey Hall of Fame Inductees Jerry York, Vaclav Nedomansky, Jim Rutherford, Hayley Wickenheiser, Guy Carbonneau, and Sergei Zubov. Photo: Matthew Manor/Hockey Hall of Fame

rapher of the International Ice Hockey Federation”, enabling the dissemination of images for each of the five top tiered Men’s and Women’s World Championship events. This archive alone has reached nearly 800,000 images, increasing by roughly 60,000 annually.

As experts in the field of archiving hockey history, the investment in technology at the D.K. (Doc) Seaman Hockey Resource Centre facilitates the Hall’s capacity to digitize photography and film/video and to administer content/collections management systems. This has turned into long term savings for the Hall, but also a new revenue source, as organizations and other museums are now able to secure the Hall’s services. Examples include over 8,000 hours of IIHF archival video footage and approximately 500,000 “Hockey Canada Images” via the IOI Service. In addition to serving thousands of correspondents, media, administrators, teams, players, fans, students, teachers, museums and libraries each year, the D.K. (Doc) Seaman Hockey Resource Centre is the fabric of the Hockey Hall of Fame, playing an integral role in the planning and development of the Hall’s exhibition, outreach, fundraising, licensing and charitable activities.

Today, the Hockey Hall of Fame prides itself on having hockey’s premier resource centre and archive facility. As the game of hockey continues to grow, so too does the Hall’s collection and its responsibility to preserve the game’s rich history for generations to come.

### LORD STANLEY’S VAULT

When the Hockey Hall of Fame moved to its current location in 1993, the jewel of the new facility was the magnificent bank building located at the corner of Yonge and Front Streets. Fittingly, the vault that served that same bank now serves as the home to hockey’s most revered trophy, the original Stanley Cup, as well as its retired bands and associated championship rings. This past year, the Hall of Fame refurbished the area, aptly titled Lord Stanley’s Vault, further elevating the stature of the exhibit and expanding the scope of treasures on display.

The Stanley Cup was donated by Lord Stanley of Preston, at the time, the Governor General of Canada. After witnessing a game



The public entry to the D.K. (Doc) Seaman Hockey Resource Centre.



# HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

at the 1889 Montreal Winter Carnival, Lord Stanley immediately became charmed by the sport, and subsequently, through the encouragement of his children, acquired a trophy that was to be awarded “from year to year by the champion hockey team in the Dominion of Canada.” Its purchase price was 10 guineas (approximately \$50 at the time) and is engraved ‘From Stanley of Preston’ along with the Stanley family crest on one side with the original name of the trophy -- ‘Dominion Hockey Challenge Cup’ -- on the other. Nevertheless, the trophy was referred to as the Stanley Cup from its inception. The Montreal Amateur Athletic Association were its first recipients, earning the honour in 1893, and beginning in 1926, only NHL teams have competed for this prized chalice.



From left: Primary to the refurbishment of Lord Stanley's Vault is enhanced security and lighting as well as modularized showcases that can better display and respond to the Hall of Fame's growing collection.

## MURRAY COSTELLO

November 30, 2019 marked the end of unparalleled service and contribution to the Hockey Hall of Fame as Murray Costello, retired from the Board of Directors after 39 years, the longest tenure of any member of the Board, Selection Committee and/or staff.

His impact on the game, both within and beyond the Hall of Fame, is significant. Initially an accomplished hockey player, Murray returned to school to earn a law degree and proceeded to forge a vision of collaboration and inclusiveness that would raise the level of hockey on the amateur, minor, professional and international ranks.

As president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, now Hockey Canada, a role he held from 1979 and 1998, Murray was instrumental in the merging of Hockey Canada and the Canadian Hockey Association, which brought Canada's entire developmental process into one stream, bringing forth a foundation of renewed success. In his capacity, Murray also helped establish



Murray Costello has been a fixture in international hockey for decades

the program of excellence for the Canadian men's national junior team and oversaw the formation of the Canadian women's team and, in turn, the rapid growth of women's hockey and its introduction as an Olympic event.

Internationally, Murray has been a council member of the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) since 1998, serving as vice-president from 2008 to 2012. Other notable held positions include chairman of both the IIHF's Medical and Competition committees, member on both the IIHF's Statutes and Disciplinary committees, was its auditor for several years, and he took a lead role in organizing the first-ever symposium on concussion in sports, reflecting his long-time advocacy for increased health and safety measures. Murray is equally recognized for the facilitation and spread of hockey knowledge and coaching education globally.

## PARTNERSHIP BRIEFS

LAKESHORE ARENA CORPORATION, a City of Toronto corporation that owns and operates the marquee four-pad arena complex (housing the practice/training facilities of the Toronto Maple Leafs and Toronto Marlies) located at 400 Kipling Ave. in the City's Lakeshore West District, has agreed to a “Lease Extension and Amending Agreement” to maintain the Hall's existing “D.K. (Doc) Seaman Hockey Resource Centre” for an additional 12 years through December 31, 2032.

TISSOT / THE SWATCH GROUP (CANADA) LTD., the internationally-renowned Swiss maker of luxury watches and timepieces, has extended its partnership with the Hall for an additional two years through September 30, 2021. Tissot will maintain title branding to the Tissot World of Hockey Zone, the Hall's largest dedicated exhibition area, plus continue to craft the official Honoured Member watches presented as part of its co-presenting sponsorship of the annual Hockey Hall of Fame Legends Classic.





ORIGINAL  
STANLEY CUP

PRESENTED BY LORD STANLEY OF PRESTON  
SIXTH GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA  
AS A PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY  
EMBLEMATIC OF THE HOCKEY TRADITIONS  
OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA  
1899



# IIHF VISIT TO THE VATICAN



**The IIHF membership was accorded an exceptional honour by the Vatican with a Papal audience in September 2019, following the 2019 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress in Rome, Italy.**

The Pope warmly welcomed the attendees to the Vatican. In his address to the delegates, he acknowledged the role of ice hockey in social development and community-building.

"Hockey is a good example of how sport can express a sense of community," said His Holiness Pope Francis. "It is a team game in which each team member has an important role to play. Whenever you take part in the World Championships, you can see how people from many different countries enjoy coming together to experience the beauty of sport."

"As you support the development of this sport worldwide, you are encouraging young and old, men and women, to bring out the best of themselves and to promote friendly relationships on the ice."

On behalf of the attendees, IIHF President René Fasel expressed his sincere thanks to Pope Francis

and related some of his favourite aspects of working in the international ice hockey world.

"Ice hockey is a game of fair play and respect," said Fasel. "At the end of every hockey game, no matter what level, the teams get together and shake hands, as is our tradition."

"It is also a sport that brings people together. We just had our IIHF Congress in Rome, which each year brings over 75 countries together with one shared passion for hockey. Here Russians and Ukrainians talk to each other about ice hockey development, despite the current political situation. Balkan nations work together in friendship and organize tournaments between countries that were at war not a long time ago."

President Fasel also spoke about the Unified Korea women's team, as an example of ice hockey crossing borders.

"It took several years of discussions and preparations, but in the end the players from North and South Korea were together on the same team, in the same dressing room, wearing the same jersey, playing together on the ice for each other and the Korean people."

"It is this spirit that we share across the world of sport. We work hard for each other, and this is why I refer to our Congress members as the ice hockey family."

Fasel also thanked the Pope for last year's public recognition of the Declaration of Principles, an initiative spearheaded by the NHL and NHLPA along with 14 other ice hockey stakeholders – including the IIHF – to advance policies, programs and initiatives that grow ice hockey, while at the same time inspiring fans, players and communities to create the best possible experience for the entire hockey community.

Following its release, in a letter Pope Francis extolled the Declaration of Principles as a significant gesture that would "inspire greater appreciation for the pivotal role played by sports and sportsmanship in training future generations to pursue personal excellence and to promote the spiritual values of teamwork, solidarity and mutual respect so necessary for the building of a more just and fraternal

*"Hockey is a good example of how sport can express a sense of community..."*  
-Pope Francis

ican coat of arms on the front, along with a No.1 and "Franciscus" written on the back.

During Pope Francis's address to the audience, he also pointed out the IIHF's recent approval last May for a series of updates to the IIHF Statutes and By-laws, designed specifically to encourage good governance and transparency. He also commended the decision to appoint a new Ethics board within the federation.

"Today's culture may sometimes steer sporting activities down the wrong path, but we must keep in mind that rules are there to serve a specific purpose and to avoid a descent into chaos. Athletes honor fair play when they not only obey the formal rules but also observe justice with respect to their opponents so that all competitors can freely engage in the game."

"With all this in mind I encourage you and your Federation to go forth and continue your special mission to make this sport inclusive and to ensure a safe community to all who take part."

"May the Lord bless you and always give you the joy of sport being played together. Thank you."



world". At the time, the commendation came as an unexpected but greatly appreciated show of support from such a preeminent world leader.

"We at the IIHF pledge to uphold these values, and I hope that we will be worthy of this incredible honour you have shown us today," said Fasel. The IIHF President then presented Pope Francis with a set of gifts: a bronze sculpture of an ice hockey player together with a specially made jersey. Produced by IIHF partner Nike, the white jersey featured the Vat-











# TOURNAMENTS

# IIHF WORLD RANKING 2020

## MEN AND WOMEN

### MEN

	CANADA	RUSSIA	FINLAND	SWEDEN	CZECH REPUBLIC	UNITED STATES	GERMANY	SWITZERLAND	SLOVAKIA	LATVIA	NORWAY	DENMARK	BELARUS	FRANCE	ITALY	KAZAKHSTAN	AUSTRIA	KOREA	GREAT BRITAIN	SLOVENIA	HUNGARY	POLAND	LITHUANIA	JAPAN	ROMANIA	UKRAINE	ESTONIA	NETHERLANDS	CROATIA
Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Points	3470	3400	3345	3325	3200	3140	3090	3060	2835	2810	2765	2685	2545	2540	2480	2420	2415	2385	2380	2345	2160	2060	1985	1975	1940	1875	1860	1740	1695
Move	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+1	-1	+1	+3	-2	-1	+1	-2	0	0	+1	-1	+2	-1	-1	0	0
2019	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	13	16	19	15	17	20	18	21	22	24	23	27	25	26	28	29

### WOMEN

	UNITED STATES	CANADA	FINLAND	RUSSIA	SWITZERLAND	JAPAN	CZECH REPUBLIC	GERMANY	SWEDEN	FRANCE	DENMARK	HUNGARY	NORWAY	AUSTRIA	SLOVAKIA	KOREA	ITALY	NETHERLANDS	CHINA	POLAND	KAZAKHSTAN	LATVIA	GREAT BRITAIN	SLOVENIA	SPAIN	MEXICO	TURKEY	DPR KOREA	AUSTRALIA
Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Points	3600	3450	3390	3290	3170	3070	3030	3000	2920	2760	2750	2720	2660	2640	2510	2455	2445	2315	2250	2235	2225	2195	2005	2000	1905	1865	1565	1555	1480
Move	0	0	0	0	0	0	+1	+1	-2	0	0	+2	0	-2	0	0	0	+3	+1	+2	-2	-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9	7	10	11	14	13	12	15	16	17	21	20	22	19	18	23	24	25	26	27	28	29



SERBIA	SPAIN	CHINA	ICELAND	ISRAEL	AUSTRALIA	BELGIUM	MEXICO	GEORGIA	NEW ZEALAND	BULGARIA	DPR KOREA	TURKEY	LUXEMBOURG	CHINESE TAIPEI	TURKMENISTAN	SOUTH AFRICA	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	HONG KONG, CHINA	BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA	THAILAND	KUWAIT	KYRGYZSTAN	MALAYSIA	PHILIPPINES
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54
1660	1470	1420	1325	1320	1315	1150	1150	1095	1015	1015	860	750	705	605	590	545	500	490	335	280	280	175	80	60
0	0	0	0	0	0	+1	-1	+1	+1	-2	0	0	0	+1	+2	-2	+1	-2	0	+1	-1	0	NEW	NEW
30	31	32	33	34	35	37	36	39	40	38	41	42	43	45	47	44	48	46	49	51	50	52	-	-

Due to the lack of tournaments there has been few movements in the 54-country ranking. The top-10 remain the same and are led by Canada followed by Russia, Finland and Sweden.

The new World Ranking also determines the seeding of the Olympic men's ice hockey tournament in Beijing 2022:

The Olympic Qualification for the men's teams has already started in November 2019 and will end with the Final Olympic Qualification scheduled for 27-30 August 2020.

CHINESE TAIPEI	ICELAND	NEW ZEALAND	HONG KONG, CHINA	ROMANIA	CROATIA	BELGIUM	SOUTH AFRICA	BULGARIA	UKRAINE	LITHUANIA
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
1410	1345	1335	1225	1120	1080	1080	1070	955	790	360
+3	+1	-1	-3	0	+1	+1	-2	0	0	
33	32	31	30	34	36	37	35	38	39	

With only two tournaments played this season, the 2020 IIHF Women's World Ranking also didn't change much. The top-6 countries remained in the same order and will be the ones directly qualified for the Olympic women's ice hockey tournament in Beijing 2022, which will be played in two tiered groups.

The ranking will also determine the seeding for the women's Olympic Qualification. The structure will depend on the number of national teams entered for Olympic women's ice hockey.

The rights to host an Olympic Qualification group are given according to the seeding (World Ranking position), which means that the teams ranked 7th to 9th – Czech Republic, Germany and Sweden – would have the right to host their Final Olympic Qualification group.

More details on the Olympic Qualification in women's ice hockey will be announced during the new season.

# IIHF SURVEY OF PLAYERS

## 2019/2020 SEASON

FEDERATION	PLAYERS				REFEREES		RINKS		PARTICIPATION in 2019 IIHF Championships	POPULATION
	Registered	Senior	U20	Female	Male	Female	Indoor	Outdoor		
Algeria	97	80	15	2	1	0	1	0		42.972.878
Andorra	89	27	32	30	0	0	1	0		77.000
Argentina	980	610	130	240	25	6	3	1		45.479.118
Armenia	278	117	161	0	8	0	3	2		3.021.324
Australia	5.137	3.076	1.236	825	288	25	22	0	WM20III, WWIIB, WWIA	25.466.459
Austria	7.670	3.294	3.797	579	270	12	42	35	WM20IA, WW18IB	8.859.449
Belarus	5.525	517	4.970	38	165	2	41	2	WM20IA	9.477.918
Belgium	1.760	842	777	141	154	10	14	0	WM20IIB, WWIII	11.720.716
Bosnia & Herzegovina	187	39	112	36	6	0	1	3		3.835.586
Brazil	21	20	1	0	0	0	0	0		211.715.973
Bulgaria	932	176	703	53	21	3	6	4	WM20III, WWIII	6.966.899
Canada	607.951	76.899	429.173	101.879	28.936	2.551	2.860	5.000	WM20, WW18	37.971.020
Chile	250	120	80	50	0	0	7	1		18.186.770
China	9.506	537	8.147	822	188	150	537	285	WM20IIB, WW18IB	1.394.015.977
Chinese Taipei	878	156	578	144	48	9	3	0	WM20III, WWIA, WW18IA	23.603.049
Croatia	110	47	38	25	8	2	0	0		49.084.841
Croatia	550	143	346	61	15	0	4	1	WM20IIB, WWIIB	4.227.746
Czech Republic	129.595	95.163	30.290	4.142	2.185	89	200	8	WM20, WW18	10.702.498
Denmark	5.147	2.527	1.918	702	122	5	27	0	WM20IA, WW18IA	5.869.410
DPR Korea	2.400	200	1.200	1000	45	2	3	13		25.643.466
Estonia	1.105	118	866	121	40	3	11	10	WM20IB	1.228.624
Finland	71.063	27.995	37.162	5.906	1.778	69	282	62	WM20, WW18	5.571.665
France	21.582	8.739	10.221	2.622	110	6	110	9	WM20IB, WW18IA	67.848.156
Georgia	704	158	494	52	12	0	5	1		3.997.000
Germany	21.336	5.432	13.653	2.251	302	43	218	45	WM20, WW18IA	80.159.662
Great Britain	11.148	6.353	3.931	864	307	27	68	0	WM20IA, WW18IB	65.761.117
Greece	290	125	153	12	0	0	3	0		10.607.051
Hong Kong	555	75	393	87	42	8	4	0	WWIII	7.249.907
Hungary	7.802	1330	5.328	1144	182	5	49	12	WM20IB, WW18IA	9.771.827
Iceland	675	152	355	168	18	7	3	0	WM20III, WWIIB	350.734
India	1.502	723	415	364	11	3	2	16		1.326.093.247
Indonesia	135	45	75	15	5	1	5	0		267.026.366
Iran	233	100	30	103	30	20	6	0		84.923.314
Ireland	360	172	150	38	5	1	0	0		5.176.569
Israel	570	268	285	17	26	4	2	0	WM20IIB	8.675.475
Italy	4.926	1.061	3.489	376	111	4	58	12	WM20IB, WW18IA	62.402.659
Jamaica	20	0	20	0	0	0	0	0		2.808.570
Japan	18.641	7.656	9.546	1.439	919	81	61	1	WM20IA, WW18IA	125.507.472
Kazakhstan	7.684	477	7.034	173	59	3	39	127	WM20, WWIA	19.091.949
Korea	3.114	180	2.531	403	56	5	35	2	WM20IIB, WW18IB	51.835.110
Kuwait	402	115	124	163	12	8	1	0		2.993.706
Kyrgyzstan	1530	1200	300	30	5	0	3	8		5.964.897
Latvia	7.460	5.229	2.008	223	171	26	19	3	WM20IA	1.881.232
Lebanon	208	90	54	64	0	0	0	0		5.469.612
Liechtenstein	41	34	7	0	1	0	0	1		39.137
Lithuania	2.550	1.360	1.100	90	26	1	7	2	WM20IA, WWIII	2.731.464
Luxembourg	492	175	285	32	20	0	3	0		628.381
Macau	111	34	58	19	8	0	1	0		614.458
Malaysia	260	100	80	80	12	2	2	0		32.652.083
Mexico	2.690	820	1600	270	24	4	18	0	WM20III, WW18IIB	128.649.565
Mongolia	730	280	446	4	8	0	2	19		3.168.026
Morocco	225	129	74	22	3	0	2	0		35.561.654
Nepal	26	0	14	12	1	1	1	0		30.327.877
Netherlands	3.528	1.803	1.363	362	133	20	23	0	WM20IIB, WWIA, WW18IIB	17.280.397
New Zealand	1.791	1050	552	189	70	15	7	2	WM20III, WWIIB	4.925.477
North Macedonia	81	37	33	11	4	0	0	1		2.125.971
Norway	10.270	2.284	6.626	1.360	320	18	49	3	WM20IA, WW18IB	5.467.439
Oman	73	38	35	0	2	0	2	0		4.664.844
Philippines	203	98	58	47	14	2	4	0		109.180.815
Poland	3.770	1.050	2.400	320	200	11	25	10	WM20IB, WW18IB	38.282.325
Portugal	94	57	20	17	0	0	0	0		10.302.674

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	Registered	Senior	U20	Female	Male	Female	Indoor	Outdoor		
Qatar	185	29	144	12	7	0	3	0		2.735.707
Romania	2.131	457	1.513	161	54	0	7	1	WM20IIA, WWIII	21.302.893
Russia	100.701	17.824	80.736	2.141	1.314	42	790	5.944	WM20, WW18	141.722.205
Serbia	714	151	488	75	24	2	3	1	WM20IIA	7.012.165
Singapore	528	304	166	58	16	3	2	0		6.209.660
Slovakia	10.970	1.670	8.848	452	362	15	74	27	WM20, WW18	5.440.602
Slovenia	1.254	219	953	82	42	3	7	0	WM20IA	2.102.678
South Africa	922	449	311	162	54	15	9	1	WM20III, WWIII	56.463.617
Spain	964	120	603	241	27	2	11	0	WM20IIA, WW18IIB	50.015.792
Sweden	73.293	15.502	49.948	7.843	6.522	272	363	34	WM20, WW18	10.202.491
Switzerland	30.655	9.805	18.839	2.011	1.242	48	49	111	WM20, WW18	8.403.994
Thailand	575	63	458	54	17	1	4	0		68.977.400
Turkey	1.500	390	675	435	74	43	12	0	WM20III, WWIIB, WW18IIB	82.017.514
Turkmenistan	347	165	182	0	6	0	5	0		5.528.627
Ukraine	5.340	1.749	3.438	153	52	0	24	3	WM20IB, WWIIB	43.922.939
United Arab Emirates	590	155	337	98	18	5	4	0		9.992.083
United States	561.700	272.580	205.018	84.102	24.121	1.740	1.550	500	WM20, WW18	332.639.102
Uzbekistan	369	113	252	4	8	0	4	0		30.565.411

Source of population numbers: 2020 CIA World Factbook  
All tournaments from the 2019/2020 season

## LEGEND

## MEN

<b>WWM</b>	<b>IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship</b>
<b>WM I</b>	<b>IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I</b>
<b>WM II</b>	<b>IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II</b>
<b>WM III</b>	<b>IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III</b>
<b>WM20</b>	<b>IIHF World Junior Championship</b>
<b>WM20 I</b>	<b>IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I</b>
<b>WM20 II</b>	<b>IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II</b>
<b>WM20 III</b>	<b>IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III</b>
<b>WM18</b>	<b>IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship</b>
<b>WM18 I</b>	<b>IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I</b>
<b>WM18 II</b>	<b>IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II</b>
<b>WM18 III</b>	<b>IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III</b>

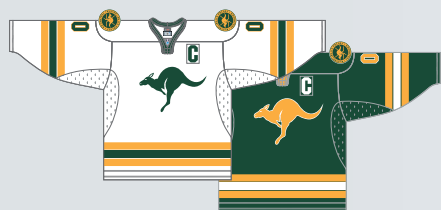
## WOMEN

<b>WW</b>	<b>IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship</b>
<b>WW I</b>	<b>IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I</b>
<b>WW II</b>	<b>IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II</b>
<b>WW III</b>	<b>IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division III</b>
<b>WW18</b>	<b>IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship</b>
<b>WW18 I</b>	<b>IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I</b>
<b>WW18 II</b>	<b>IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division II</b>



# IIHF NATIONAL TEAM JERSEY

## 2019/2020



**AUSTRALIA (AUS)**

Member since 1950



**AUSTRIA (AUT)**

Member since 1912



**BELARUS (BLR)**

Member since 1992



**BELGIUM (BEL)**

Member since 1908



**BOSNIA AND HERZEGONIVA (BIH)**

Member since 2001



**BULGARIA (BUL)**

Member since 1963



**CANADA (CAN)**

Member since 1920



**CHINA (CHN)**

Member since 1963



**CHINESE TAIPEI (TPE)**

Member since 1983



**CROATIA (CRO)**

Member since 1992



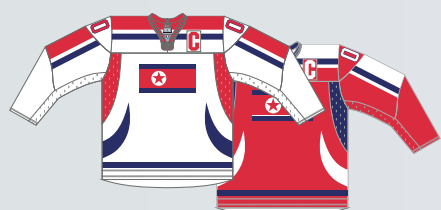
**CZECH REPUBLIC (CZE)**

Member since 1993 (as Bohemia 1908), as Czechoslovakia 1920–1993



**DENMARK (DEN)**

Member since 1946



**DPR KOREA (PRK)**

Member since 1964



**ESTONIA (EST)**

Member since 1992, also a member from 1937–1946



**FINLAND (FIN)**

Member since 1928

**FRANCE (FRA)**

Member since 1908

**GEORGIA (GEO)**

Member since 2009

**GERMANY (GER)**

Member since 1909

**GREAT BRITAIN (GBR)**

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**HONG KONG (HKG)**

Member since 1983

**HUNGARY (HUN)**

Member since 1927

**ICELAND (ISL)**

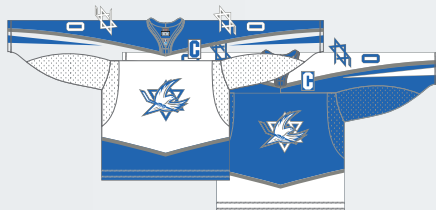
Member since 1992

**INDONESIA (INA)**

Member since 2016

**IRELAND (IRL)**

Member since 1997

**ISRAEL (ISR)**

Member since 1991

**ITALY (ITA)**

Member since 1924

**JAMAICA (JAM)**

Member since 2012

**JAPAN (JPN)**

Member since 1930

**KAZAKHSTAN (KAZ)**

Member since 1992

**KOREA (KOR)**

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**KUWAIT (KUW)**

Member since 2009



**KYRGYZSTAN (KGZ)**

Member since 2011



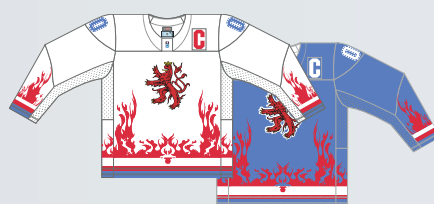
**LATVIA (LAT)**

Member since 1992, also a member from 1931–1946



**LITHUANIA (LTU)**

Member since 1992, also a member from 1938–1946



**LUXEMBOURG (LUX)**

Member since 1912



**MACAU (MAC)**

Member since 2005



**MALAYSIA (MAL)**

Member since 2006



**MEXICO (MEX)**

Member since 1985



**MONGOLIA (MGL)**

Member since 1999



**NEW ZEALAND (NZL)**

Member since 1977



**NETHERLANDS (NED)**

Member since 1935



**NORWAY (NOR)**

Member since 1935



**OMAN (OMA)**

Member since 2014



**POLAND (POL)**

Member since 1926



**QATAR (QAT)**

Member since 2012





**ROMANIA (ROU)**

Member since 1924



**RUSSIA (RUS)**

Member since 1911/1992, as Soviet Union 1952–1992



**SINGAPORE (SIN)**

Member since 1996



**SERBIA (SRB)**

Member since 2003, as Yugoslavia 1939–2003



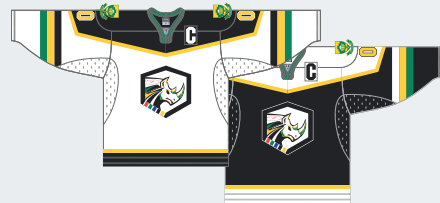
**SLOVAKIA (SVK)**

Member since 1993



**SLOVENIA (SLO)**

Member since 1992



**SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)**

Member since 1937



**SPAIN (ESP)**

Member since 1923



**SWEDEN (SWE)**

Member since 1912



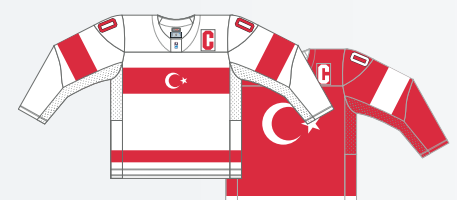
**SWITZERLAND (SUI)**

Member since 1908



**THAILAND (THA)**

Member since 1989



**TURKEY (TUR)**

Member since 1991



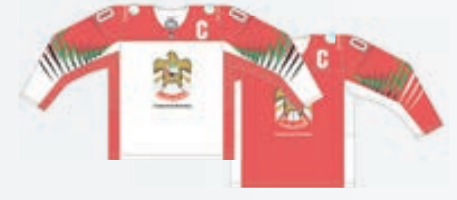
**TURKMENISTAN (TKM)**

Member since 2015



**UKRAINE (UKR)**

Member since 1992



**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE)**

Member since 2001



**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA)**

Member since 1920

# CHAMPIONS

## 2019-2020

IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP A

IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP B

IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP A

IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP B

IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III

**Canada**

**Austria**

**Hungary**

**Japan**

**Korea**

**Iceland**

IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP B

IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III

**Australia**

**South Africa**

IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP A

IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP B

IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP A

IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP B

**USA**

**Germany**

**Norway**

**Chinese Taipei**

**Spain**

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**Russia**

**Japan**

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**Frolunda Gothenburg (SWE)**

**Sonderjyske Vojens (DEN)**

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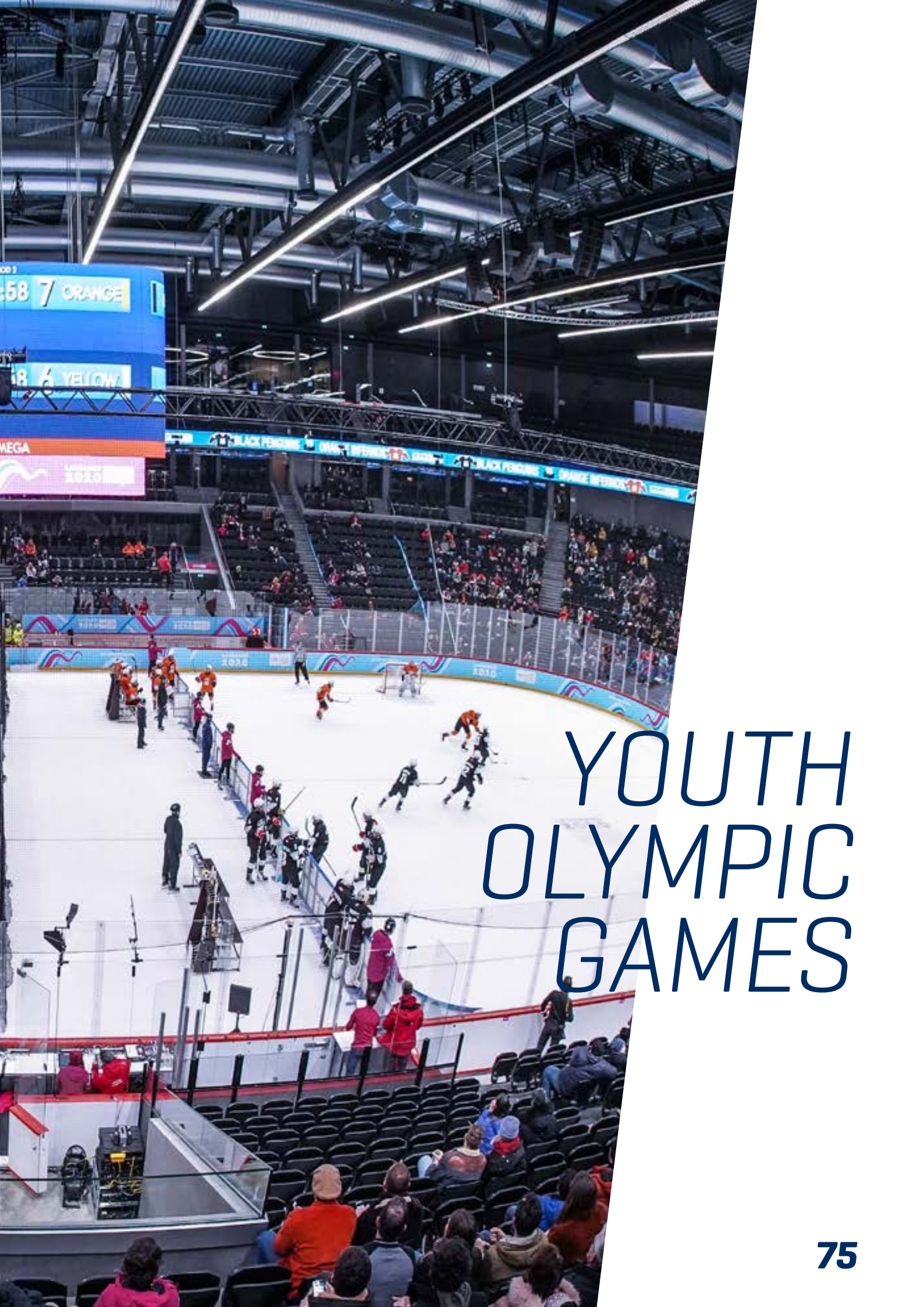
**Thailand**











# YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

# 2020 YOUTH OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

## MEN'S/WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

### Men's Preliminary Round

#### GROUP A

Date	Game	Score
18.01.20	USA - Finland	7 - 5
19.01.20	Switzerland - USA	2 - 8
20.01.20	Finland - Switzerland	2 - 1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	USA	2	2	0	0	0	+8	15 : 7	6
2	Finland	2	1	0	0	1	-1	7 : 8	3
3	Switzerland	2	0	0	0	2	-7	3 : 10	0

#### GROUP B

Date	Game	Score
18.01.20	Canada - Russia	2 - 6
19.01.20	Denmark - Canada	0 - 6
20.01.20	Russia - Denmark	9 - 0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Russia	2	2	0	0	0	+13	15 : 2	6
2	Canada	2	1	0	0	1	+2	8 : 6	3
3	Denmark	2	0	0	0	2	-15	0 : 15	0

### Playoff Round

#### SEMI-FINALS

Date	Game	Score
21.01.20	USA - Canada	2 - 1
21.01.20	Russia - Finland	10 - 1

#### BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
22.01.20	Canada - Finland	4 - 2

#### GOLD MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
22.01.20	Russia - USA	4 - 0

### Final Placing



RUSSIA



USA



CANADA

4 Finland

5 Switzerland

6 Denmark



The Russian offence was humming at the Youth Olympic Games. Photo: Vedran Galijas/justpictures.net

### RUSSIA ROLLS IN LAUSANNE

In the 3rd Winter Youth Olympic Games Russia has completed its set of medals. After silver in 2012 and bronze in 2016, the Russian U16 men's national team swept through the tournament in Lausanne 2020 and could not be stopped by their hardest opponent USA in the gold medal game.

While the Russians may have faced more adversity than in previous games, they yet had most of the game under control from an early goal to begin with until celebrating the title following a 4-0 victory against their American rivals in a sold-out Vaudoise Arena.

Russia was led offensively by the talented prospect Matvei Michkov, who put up a scintillating performance in the tournament with 14 points including nine goals in just four games. Two of Michkov's teammates, Ivan Miroshnichenko and Ilya Kovchko, also put up double-digit points for the Red Machine. That type of offensive output was irresistible by the time Russia went to the playoffs, as the team demolished Finland 10-1 in the semi-finals before claiming gold against USA.



## Preliminary Round

### GROUP A

Date	Game	Score
17.01.20	Sweden – Slovakia	3 – 2 SO 1-2, 1-0, 0-0
18.01.20	Germany – Sweden	2 – 7 0-0, 1-4, 1-3
19.01.20	Slovakia – Germany	2 – 1 0-0, 0-1, 2-0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Sweden	2	1	1	0	0	+6	10 : 4	5
2	Slovakia	2	1	0	1	0	0	4 : 4	4
3	Germany	2	0	0	0	2	-6	3 : 9	0

### GROUP B

Date	Game	Score
17.01.20	Czech Republic – Switzerland	0 – 1 SO 0-0, 0-0, 0-0
18.01.20	Japan – Czech Republic	4 – 1 0-1, 2-0, 2-0
19.01.20	Switzerland – Japan	1 – 5 0-0, 0-1, 2-0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Japan	2	2	0	0	0	+7	9 : 2	6
2	Switzerland	2	0	1	0	1	-3	2 : 5	2
3	Czech Republic	2	0	0	1	1	-4	1 : 5	1

## Playoff Round

### SEMI-FINALS

Date	Game	Score
20.01.20	Sweden – Switzerland	2 – 0 0-0, 1-4, 1-3
20.01.20	Japan – Slovakia	5 – 0 2-0, 1-0, 2-0

### BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
21.01.20	Slovakia – Switzerland	2 – 1 0-0, 2-1, 0-0

### GOLD MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
21.01.20	Japan – Sweden	4 – 1 0-1, 1-0, 3-0

## Final Placing



JAPAN



SWEDEN



SLOVAKIA

4 Switzerland

5 Czech Republic

6 Germany



Japan upset Sweden and reached a new milestone in women's hockey. Vedran Galijas/justpictures.net

## JAPAN BREAKS THROUGH

Japan's women's ice hockey team made history in Lausanne, becoming the country's first team to claim a gold medal in an Olympic ice hockey competition by defeating Sweden 4-1 in the final.

Sweden and Japan came into the game as the undisputed top two teams of the women's tournament, winning their groups and going unbeaten in the process. Rio Noro had the game winner as the Japanese overcame an early deficit to score four unanswered to claim gold.

Japan won the tournament thanks in part to the potent line combination of Makoto Ito, Minami Kamada, and Hina Shimomukai, which has accounted for 14 of the team's 18 goals through four games. In the final against Sweden, goaltender Yuzuyu Fujii capped off an impressive Youth Olympic performance. The young Japanese netminder gave up only one score to limit her total to just three allowed in four games for an dominant 0.75 goals against average and 92.11 save percentage.



## YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES 3-ON-3 MIXED NOC

The first-ever Youth Olympic Games 3-on-3 cross-ice ice hockey tournaments concluded with Team Yellow Stars (women) and Team Green Leafs (men) winning gold medals and making history playing in events that were both unique and unprecedented.

The tournaments were an early highlight of the Games, both for the action on the ice that has exceeded expectations, and a tremendous level of inclusiveness that saw 43 IIHF member nations have at least one athlete taking part.

The 3-on-3 tournament is the IIHF's answer to a request from the International Olympic Committee to have a more diversified and inclusive Youth Olympic Games (YOG). The idea was then proposed by the IIHF for a new competition: a 3-on-3 mixed-nation format designed to have as many countries represented in an ice hockey event as possible, while giving players from developing ice hockey nations a chance to take part in the Olympic Movement and compete for an Olympic medal.

The Youth Olympic Games 3-on-3 format featured a men's and a women's tournament, played cross-ice with no more than 3 players per team on the ice at once, plus a goalie. In total, 104 male and 104 female players were split up to form the teams. Players from dozens of countries met each other for the first time, and in the span of just a couple of days had to learn fast to play together and get ready to compete in this new format.



"It has been a smashing success," said IIHF President René Fasel, who watched the gold medal game from the stands with IOC President Thomas Bach and Olympic Athlete Role Models Florence Schelling and Mark Streit. "The quality of the play has been really good and shows a new dimension of ice hockey that I think is very appealing."

It was certainly a tournament of firsts. Qatar and Hong Kong, for example, have never before sent an athlete to any Winter Olympics. Yet thanks to impressive performances from players competing on the same ice as players from Russia, Czech Republic, and Japan, among many others, they and many other participating MNAs and National Olym-

### YOG 3X3 IN NUMBERS



**43**  
**Nations**



**208**  
**Athletes**



**64 Games**  
**in 6 days**



**18 avg**  
**goals/**  
**game**





pic Committees were able to see their athletes compete in an Olympic ice hockey event for the very first time and have the chance to win medals.

The planning of the concept for 3-on-3 cross-ice began in the summer of 2017 at the IIHF Hockey Development Camp. It was initially planned as a demonstration sport, but after it was presented to the IOC there was enthusiastic support to make it a medal event.

In preparing for the 3-on-3, the IIHF recognized the need for the players to be competitively balanced, but also to be able to come together in a short time to compete at the YOG. The federation therefore selected coaches that have participated in the IIHF Hockey Development Camp, which is a camp that brings in over a hundred players from different countries for a week of ice hockey training and scrimmages.

The results on the ice were extremely positive, as the 3-on-3 tournaments became a big draw for YOG fans in Lausanne. Halfway through the men's event, the offence was already fast and furious, with 211 goals scored in 12 games for an average of 17 goals per game. Only three of those games were decided by five goals or more, a testament to the efforts by the tournament organizers to ensure competitive parity among the teams.



Players from dozens of countries were mixed up and put into teams.



A total of 968 goals were scored and 4,729 shots were taken through 64 games.



Mexico and Qatar were among the IIHF MNAS to earn their first Winter Olympic medals.



Coaches were recruited to bring the teams together and compete in a short time.





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**WORLD CHAMP**  
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U20 WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
POLAND  
Tychy  
Division I - Group B

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IIHF  
ICE HOCKEY  
U20 WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
ESTONIA  
Tallinn  
Division II - Group A

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IIHF  
ICE HOCKEY  
U20 WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
CROATIA  
Division II - Group B

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U20 WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
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Division III

# WORLD MEN U20

# 2020 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

## OSTRAVA – TRINEC, CZECH REPUBLIC

### Preliminary Round

#### GROUP A

Date	Game	Score
26.12.2019	Switzerland – Kazakhstan	5 – 3 2-1, 1-2, 2-0
26.12.2019	Sweden – Finland	3 – 2 OT 0-1, 1-1, 1-0
27.12.2019	Slovakia – Kazakhstan	3 – 1 0-0, 1-1, 2-0
28.12.2019	Finland – Slovakia	8 – 1 2-0, 5-1, 1-0
28.12.2019	Switzerland – Sweden	2 – 5 0-2, 1-3, 1-0
29.12.2019	Kazakhstan – Finland	1 – 7 1-2, 0-2, 0-3
30.12.2019	Kazakhstan – Sweden	2 – 6 0-1, 1-4, 1-1
30.12.2019	Slovakia – Switzerland	2 – 7 0-3, 1-2, 1-2
31.12.2019	Sweden – Slovakia	6 – 2 3-0, 2-0, 1-2
31.12.2019	Finland – Switzerland	2 – 5 1-0, 1-3, 0-2

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Sweden	4	3	1	0	0	+12	20 : 8	11
2	Switzerland	4	3	0	0	1	+7	19 : 12	9
3	Finland	4	2	0	1	1	+9	19 : 10	7
4	Slovakia	4	1	0	0	3	-14	8 : 22	3
5	Kazakhstan	4	0	0	0	4	-14	7 : 21	0

#### GROUP B

Date	Game	Score
26.12.2019	Czech Republic – Russia	4 – 3 2-2, 2-1, 0-0
26.12.2019	Canada – USA	6 – 4 0-2, 3-0, 3-2
27.12.2019	Germany – USA	3 – 6 1-2, 2-2, 0-2
28.12.2019	Czech Republic – Germany	3 – 4 1-2, 0-1, 2-1
28.12.2019	Russia – Canada	6 – 0 3-0, 3-0, 0-0
29.12.2019	USA – Russia	3 – 1 0-0, 2-0, 1-1
30.12.2019	Germany – Canada	1 – 4 0-1, 0-2, 1-1
30.12.2019	USA – Czech Republic	4 – 3 OT 1-2, 2-0, 0-1
31.12.2019	Russia – Germany	6 – 1 2-0, 3-0, 1-1
31.12.2019	Canada – Czech Republic	7 – 2 4-0, 2-2, 1-0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Canada	4	3	0	0	1	+4	17 : 13	9
2	USA	4	2	1	0	1	+4	17 : 13	8
3	Russia	4	2	0	0	2	+8	16 : 8	6
4	Czech Republic	4	1	0	1	2	-6	12 : 18	4
5	Germany	4	1	0	0	3	-10	9 : 19	3

### Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
2.1.2020	Germany – Kazakhstan	4 – 0 0-0, 2-0, 2-0
4.1.2020	Kazakhstan – Germany	4 – 1 1-0, 1-0, 2-1
5.1.2020	Germany – Kazakhstan	6 – 0 1-0, 4-0, 1-0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Germany	3	2	0	0	1	+7	11 : 4	6
2	Kazakhstan	3	1	0	0	2	-7	4 : 11	3

Kazakhstan is relegated to the 2021 U20 World Championship Division I A.

### Playoff Round

#### QUARTER-FINALS

Date	Game	Score
2.1.2020	Switzerland – Russia	1 – 3 0-0, 1-3, 0-0
2.1.2020	Canada – Slovakia	6 – 1 1-0, 4-0, 1-1
2.1.2020	USA – Finland	0 – 1 0-0, 0-0, 0-1
2.1.2020	Sweden – Czech Republic	5 – 0 2-0, 1-0, 2-0

#### SEMI-FINALS

Date	Game	Score
4.1.2020	Sweden – Russia	4 – 5 OT 2-3, 1-0, 1-1
4.1.2020	Canada – Finland	5 – 0 4-0, 1-0, 0-0

#### BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
5.1.2020	Sweden – Finland	3 – 2 1-2, 2-0, 0-0

#### GOLD MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
5.1.2019	Canada – Russia	4 – 3 0-0, 1-2, 3-1



Germany upset the Czech Republic in the preliminary round and Kazakhstan in relegation to stay up at the top division. Photo: Andrea Cardin/HHOF-IIHF Images



**Final Placing****CANADA****RUSSIA****SWEDEN**

4 Finland  
5 Switzerland  
6 USA

7 Czech Republic  
8 Slovakia  
9 Germany

10 Kazakhstan

**IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS**

Best Goaltender	Joel Hofer	CAN
Best Defenceman	Rasmus Sandin	SWE
Best Forward	Alexis Lafreniere	CAN

**ALL-STAR TEAM**

Goaltender	Joel Hofer	CAN
Defenceman	Rasmus Sandin	SWE
Defenceman	Alexander Romanov	RUS
Forward	Samuel Fagemo	SWE
Forward	Barrett Hayton	CAN
Forward	Alexis Lafreniere	CAN
MVP	Alexis Lafreniere	CAN

**CANADA MAKES WILD COMEBACK**

Late in the the third period of yet another classic Canada vs. Russia World Junior gold-medal game, Akil Thomas chased down a loose puck and managed to backhand it into the far side of the net as he fell, breaking a 3-3 tie at 16:02 and giving Canada a dramatic come-from-behind victory in Ostrava.

It was Thomas's first goal of the tournament and it came in just 5:23 of ice time in the game.

It took half the game to get a goal, but after that the fireworks started. Russia built a 3-1 lead with eleven minutes to go. But Canada stormed back with three late goals to win gold. Canadian forward Alexis Lafreniere was honoured as MVP, Best Forward, and a tournament all-star team member. In his second World Juniors, the 18-year-old star of the QMJHL's Rimouski Oceanic scored 4 goals and 6 assists in five games.

In the bronze-medal game, Sweden trailed after the first period but bounced back to beat defending World Junior champions Finland 3-2 and take home the bronze.

The 2020 World Juniors was the second-most attended in Europe and broadcast in a record number of 12 countries: all participants + Belarus and Ukraine.

**Canada celebrating in the dressing room after the come-from-behind victory.** Photo: Matt Zambonin/HHOF-IIHF Images



## 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP A MINSK, BELARUS

### Round Robin

Date	Game	Score	
9.12.2019	Norway – Slovenia	6 – 2	1-0, 5-2, 0-0
9.12.2019	Denmark – Latvia	0 – 3	0-1, 0-1, 0-1
9.12.2019	Belarus – Austria	4 – 3	2-3, 1-0, 1-0
10.12.2019	Slovenia – Denmark	1 – 2 OT	1-0, 0-1, 0-0
10.12.2019	Austria – Norway	5 – 2	1-2, 0-0, 4-0
10.12.2019	Latvia – Belarus	3 – 2 OT	0-1, 0-0, 2-1
12.12.2019	Slovenia – Latvia	1 – 9	0-5, 1-1, 0-3
12.12.2019	Denmark – Austria	2 – 4	1-1, 1-2, 0-1
12.12.2019	Belarus – Norway	2 – 3 OT	0-2, 1-0, 1-0
13.12.2019	Latvia – Austria	1 – 2	1-1, 0-1, 0-0
13.12.2019	Norway – Denmark	1 – 0 PSS	0-0, 0-0, 0-0
13.12.2019	Belarus – Slovenia	4 – 1	0-0, 1-0, 3-1
15.12.2019	Austria – Slovenia	4 – 1	2-0, 0-0, 2-1
15.12.2019	Norway – Latvia	0 – 2	0-0, 0-1, 0-1
15.12.2019	Denmark – Belarus	2 – 7	0-4, 0-1, 2-2

### Final Placing



AUSTRIA



LATVIA



BELARUS

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Austria	5	4	0	0	1	+8	18 : 10	12
2	Latvia	5	3	1	0	1	+13	18 : 5	11
3	Belarus	5	3	0	2	0	+7	19 : 12	11
4	Norway	5	1	2	0	2	+1	12 : 11	7
5	Denmark	5	0	1	1	3	-10	6 : 16	3
6	Slovenia	5	0	0	1	4	-19	6 : 25	1

Austria is promoted to the 2021 World Junior Championship.  
Slovenia is relegated to the 2021 U20 World Championship Division I B.

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Janis Voris	LAT
Best Defenceman	Ilya Solovyov	BLR
Best Forward	Benjamin Baumgartner	AUT



## 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP B KYIV, UKRAINE

### Round Robin

Date	Game	Score	
12.12.2019	Italy – Poland	3–15	1-3, 1-8, 1-4
12.12.2019	Estonia – France	1–6	0-2, 1-1, 0-3
12.12.2019	Ukraine – Hungary	1–5	0-1, 1-3, 0-1
14.12.2019	Hungary – Estonia	4–2	1-0, 1-2, 2-0
14.12.2019	France – Italy	4–1	0-0, 1-1, 3-0
14.12.2019	Poland – Ukraine	0–3	0-1, 0-0, 0-2
15.12.2019	Estonia – Italy	5–4	0-3, 3-1, 2-0
15.12.2019	Poland – Hungary	7–10	3-4, 2-5, 2-1
15.12.2019	France – Ukraine	3–1	2-1, 0-0, 1-0
17.12.2019	Hungary – France	3–2	2-0, 1-1, 0-1
17.12.2019	Poland – Estonia	6–3	2-1, 1-2, 3-0
17.12.2019	Italy – Ukraine	1–2 PSS	1-1, 0-0, 0-0
18.12.2019	France – Poland	7–1	1-0, 2-0, 4-1
18.12.2019	Hungary – Italy	7–4	3-1, 2-2, 2-1
18.12.2019	Ukraine – Estonia	7–3	2-2, 4-0, 1-1

### Final Placing



HUNGARY



FRANCE



UKRAINE

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Hungary	5	5	0	0	0	+13	29 : 16	15
2	France	5	4	0	0	1	+15	22 : 7	12
3	Ukraine	5	2	1	0	2	+2	14 : 12	8
4	Poland	5	2	0	0	3	+3	29 : 26	6
5	Estonia	5	1	0	0	4	-13	14 : 27	3
6	Italy	5	0	0	1	4	-20	13 : 33	1

Hungary is promoted to the 2021 U20 World Championship Division I A.  
Italy is relegated to the 2021 U20 World Championship Division II A.

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Artur Ohandzhanyan	UKR
Best Defenceman	David Pokorny	HUN
Best Forward	Pierrick Dube	FRA



## 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP A VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

### Round Robin

Date	Game	Score	
6.1.2020	Great Britain – Japan	3–6	0-1, 1-2, 2-3
6.1.2020	Serbia – Romania	3–5	3-0, 0-3, 0-2
6.1.2020	Lithuania – Spain	5–1	4-1, 0-0, 1-0
7.1.2020	Japan – Romania	8–0	2-0, 2-0, 4-0
7.1.2020	Spain – Serbia	3–2	0-1, 0-0, 3-1
7.1.2020	Lithuania – Great Britain	3–6	1-2, 1-3, 1-1
9.1.2020	Japan – Spain	8–0	5-0, 3-0, 0-0
9.1.2020	Great Britain – Romania	5–3	2-0, 0-1, 3-2
9.1.2020	Lithuania – Serbia	3–2	2-0, 1-1, 0-1
10.1.2020	Spain – Great Britain	3–4 PSS	0-1, 3-2, 0-0
10.1.2020	Serbia – Japan	2–10	1-2, 1-5, 0-3
10.1.2020	Romania – Lithuania	3–7	2-2, 1-3, 0-2
12.1.2020	Great Britain – Serbia	5–2	2-0, 0-2, 3-0
12.1.2020	Romania – Spain	4–1	1-1, 2-0, 1-0
12.1.2020	Japan – Lithuania	5–2	3-0, 1-0, 1-2

### Final Placing



JAPAN



GREAT BRITAIN



LITHUANIA

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Japan	5	5	0	0	0	+30	37 : 7	15
2	Great Britain	5	3	1	0	1	+6	23 : 17	11
3	Lithuania	5	3	0	0	2	+3	20 : 17	9
4	Romania	5	2	0	0	3	-9	15 : 24	6
5	Spain	5	1	0	1	3	-15	8 : 23	4
6	Serbia	5	0	0	0	5	-15	11 : 26	0

Japan is promoted to the 2021 U20 World Championship Division I B.  
Serbia is relegated to the 2021 U20 World Championship Division II B.

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Eiki Sato	JPN
Best Defenceman	Paulius Rumsevicius	LTU
Best Forward	Chikara Hanzawa	JPN



## 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP B GANGNEUNG, KOREA

### Round Robin

Date	Game	Score	
28.1.2020	Croatia – Israel	16 – 1	3-0, 7-1, 6-0
28.1.2020	China – Belgium	5 – 3	1-2, 1-0, 3-1
28.1.2020	Netherlands – Korea	1 – 5	1-2, 0-0, 0-3
29.1.2020	Israel – China	0 – 12	0-5, 0-4, 0-3
29.1.2020	Croatia – Netherlands	2 – 7	0-5, 1-0, 1-2
29.1.2020	Korea – Belgium	5 – 2	2-2, 2-0, 1-0
31.1.2020	Netherlands – Belgium	6 – 1	1-0, 3-0, 2-1
31.1.2020	Croatia – China	3 – 0	2-0, 1-0, 0-0
31.1.2020	Korea – Israel	5 – 1	1-0, 1-0, 3-1
1.2.2020	Belgium – Croatia	5 – 8	2-2, 1-4, 2-2
1.2.2020	China – Korea	0 – 1	0-0, 0-1, 0-0
1.2.2020	Israel – Netherlands	0 – 13	0-6, 0-3, 0-4
3.2.2020	Netherlands – China	3 – 5	0-2, 1-1, 2-2
3.2.2020	Belgium – Israel	4 – 1	1-1, 1-0, 2-0
3.2.2020	Korea – Croatia	4 – 2	1-0, 0-0, 3-2

### Final Placing



KOREA



NETHERLANDS



CHINA

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Korea	5	5	0	0	0	+14	20 : 6	15
2	Netherlands	5	3	0	0	2	+17	30 : 13	9
3	China	5	3	0	0	2	+12	22 : 10	9
4	Croatia	5	3	0	0	2	+14	31 : 17	9
5	Belgium	5	1	0	0	4	-10	15 : 25	3
6	Israel	5	0	0	0	5	-47	3 : 50	0

Korea is promoted to the 2021 U20 World Championship Division II A.  
Israel is relegated to the 2021 U20 World Championship Division III.

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Hyung Chan Kim	KOR
Best Defenceman	Minjae Lee	KOR
Best Forward	Dominic Rene Canic	CRO







# 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III SOFIA, BULGARIA

## Preliminary Round

### GROUP A

Date	Game	Score	
13.1.2020	Mexico – New Zealand	5 – 0	1-0, 2-0, 2-0
13.1.2020	Bulgaria – Iceland	3 – 4	1-1, 0-2, 2-1
14.1.2020	Iceland – Mexico	5 – 2	1-0, 3-2, 1-0
14.1.2020	Bulgaria – New Zealand	3 – 2	0-0, 2-1, 1-1
16.1.2020	New Zealand – Iceland	1 – 10	1-4, 0-2, 0-4
16.1.2020	Mexico – Bulgaria	5 – 2	1-0, 3-0, 1-2

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Iceland	3	3	0	0	0	+13	19 : 6	7
2	Mexico	3	2	0	0	1	+5	12 : 7	6
3	Bulgaria	3	1	0	0	2	-3	8 : 11	5
4	New Zealand	3	0	0	0	3	-15	3 : 18	0

### GROUP B

Date	Game	Score	
13.1.2020	Turkey – Chinese Taipei	3 – 0	2-0, 1-0, 0-0
13.1.2020	Australia – South Africa	6 – 1	0-1, 5-0, 1-0
14.1.2020	Turkey – South Africa	6 – 1	2-0, 1-0, 3-1
14.1.2020	Chinese Taipei – Australia	0 – 5	0-0, 0-4, 0-1
16.1.2020	South Africa – Chinese Taipei	5 – 31	0-0, 2-2, 3-1
16.1.2020	Australia – Turkey	3 – 2	0-1, 3-0, 0-1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Australia	3	3	0	0	0	+11	14 : 3	9
2	Turkey	3	2	0	0	1	+7	11 : 4	6
3	South Africa	3	1	0	0	2	-8	7 : 15	3
4	Chinese Taipei	3	0	0	0	3	-10	3 : 13	0

## Playoff Round

### PLACEMENT GAMES

Date	Game	Score	
18.1.2020	Bulgaria – Chinese Taipei	8 – 1	2-1, 1-0, 5-0
18.1.2020	South Africa – New Zealand	1 – 2	1-1, 0-0, 0-1

### SEMI-FINALS

Date	Game	Score	
18.1.2020	Australia – Mexico	8 – 3	3-2, 3-0, 2-1
18.1.2020	Iceland – Turkey	5 – 2	1-1, 4-0, 0-1

### 7<sup>TH</sup> PLACE GAME

Date	Game	Score	
19.1.2020	South Africa – Chinese Taipei	4 – 5 OT	0-1, 2-1, 2-2

### 5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE GAME

Date	Game	Score	
19.1.2020	Bulgaria – New Zealand	6 – 1	2-0, 2-1, 2-0

### BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score	
19.1.2020	Turkey – Mexico	4 – 2	1-1, 1-1, 2-0

### GOLD MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score	
19.1.2020	Iceland – Australia	4 – 1	1-0, 2-0, 1-1

## Final Placing



ICELAND



AUSTRALIA



TURKEY

4 Mexico  
5 Bulgaria6 New Zealand  
7 Chinese Taipei

8 South Africa

Iceland is promoted to the 2021 U20 World Championship Division II B.

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Seb Woodland	NZL
Best Defenceman	Gonzalo Hagerman	MEX
Best Forward	Axel Orongan	ISL











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# WORLD WOMEN

# 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP B AKUREYRI, ICELAND

## Round Robin

Date	Game	Score	
23.2.2020	Ukraine – Turkey	2 – 3 OT	0-2, 2-0, 0-0
23.2.2020	New Zealand – Croatia	11 – 1	2-0, 5-0, 4-1
23.2.2020	Iceland – Australia	1 – 6	0-4, 1-2, 0-0
24.2.2020	Croatia – Ukraine	2 – 1 SO	1-0, 0-1, 0-0
24.2.2020	Australia – Turkey	2 – 1	1-0, 1-1, 0-0
24.2.2020	New Zealand – Iceland	1 – 4	0-2, 0-1, 1-1
26.2.2020	Australia – Croatia	15 – 0	4-0, 5-0, 6-0
26.2.2020	New Zealand – Ukraine	5 – 3	3-1, 1-1, 1-1
26.2.2020	Iceland – Turkey	6 – 0	3-0, 0-0, 3-0
27.2.2020	Ukraine – Australia	1 – 9	0-2, 0-2, 1-5
27.2.2020	Turkey – New Zealand	1 – 2	0-0, 0-1, 1-1
27.2.2020	Croatia – Iceland	0 – 7	0-1, 0-3, 0-3
29.2.2020	Turkey – Croatia	5 – 2	1-1, 2-1, 2-0
29.2.2020	Australia – New Zealand	7 – 1	1-1, 2-0, 4-0
29.2.2020	Iceland – Ukraine	7 – 0	0-0, 5-0, 2-0

## Final Placing



AUSTRALIA



ICELAND



NEW ZEALAND

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Australia	5	5	0	0	0	+35	39 : 4	15
2	Iceland	5	4	0	0	1	+18	25 : 7	12
3	New Zealand	5	3	0	0	2	+4	20 : 16	9
4	Turkey	5	1	1	0	3	-4	10 : 14	5
5	Croatia	5	0	1	0	4	-34	5 : 39	2
6	Ukraine	5	0	0	2	3	-19	7 : 26	2

Ukraine is relegated to the 2021 IIHF Women's World Championship Division II B.

## IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Olivia Last	NZL
Best Defenceman	Rylie Padjen	NZL
Best Forward	Silvia Bjorgvinsdottir	ISL



# 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION III SOFIA, BULGARIA

## Round Robin

Date	Game	Score	
4.12.19	South Africa – Romania	4 – 11	1-4, 0-5, 3-2
4.12.19	Lithuania – Hong Kong, China	4 – 1	2-1, 0-0, 2-0
4.12.19	Belgium – Bulgaria	4 – 2	2-0, 1-2, 1-0
5.12.19	Romania – Hong Kong, China	2 – 1 OT	0-0, 1-1, 0-0
5.12.19	Belgium – South Africa	3 – 4	2-1, 1-1, 0-2
5.12.19	Bulgaria – Lithuania	2 – 1	0-0, 1-1, 1-0
7.12.19	Belgium – Lithuania	3 – 4	2-1, 0-1, 1-2
7.12.19	South Africa – Hong Kong, China	2 – 1	0-0, 1-0, 1-1
7.12.19	Romania – Bulgaria	3 – 4 OT	0-1, 3-1, 0-1
8.12.19	Hong Kong, China – Belgium	1 – 8	0-2, 1-6, 0-0
8.12.19	Lithuania – Romania	2 – 4	0-1, 1-0, 1-3
8.12.19	Bulgaria – South Africa	1 – 2	1-0, 0-0, 0-2
10.12.19	South Africa – Lithuania	4 – 2	1-1, 2-1, 1-0
10.12.19	Hong Kong, China – Bulgaria	0 – 5	0-1, 0-3, 0-1
10.12.19	Romania – Belgium	2 – 4	1-1, 0-3, 1-0

## Final Placing



SOUTH AFRICA



BELGIUM



ROMANIA

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	South Africa	5	4	0	0	1	-2	16 : 18	12
2	Belgium	5	3	0	0	2	+9	22 : 13	9
3	Romania	5	2	1	1	1	+7	22 : 15	9
4	Bulgaria	5	2	1	0	2	+4	14 : 10	8
5	Lithuania	5	2	0	0	3	-1	13 : 14	6
6	Hong Kong, China	5	0	0	1	4	-17	4 : 21	1

South Africa is promoted to the 2021 IIHF Women's World Championship Division II B.

## IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Emilie Simonsen	LTU
Best Defenceman	Donne Van Doesburgh	RSA
Best Forward	Klara Müller	LTU















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CHAMPIONSHIP  
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Dumfries  
Division I - Group B

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Division I - Group B  
Qualification

# WORLD WOMEN U18



# 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

## Preliminary Round

### GROUP A

Date	Game	Score
26.12.2020	Canada – Russia	3 – 2 OT 1-0, 1-0, 0-2
26.12.2020	USA – Finland	4 – 1 1-1, 2-0, 1-0
27.12.2020	Finland – Canada	1 – 4 1-1, 0-0, 0-3
27.12.2020	USA – Russia	1 – 0 0-0, 0-0, 1-0
29.12.2020	Canada – USA	2 – 1 1-0, 0-0, 1-1
29.12.2020	Russia – Finland	4 – 2 1-1, 3-1, 0-0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Canada	3	2	1	0	0	+5	9:4	8
2	USA	3	2	0	0	1	+3	6:3	6
3	Russia	3	1	0	1	1	0	6:6	4
4	Finland	3	0	0	0	3	-8	4:12	0

### GROUP B

Date	Game	Score
26.12.2020	Switzerland – Czech Republic	2 – 1 OT 0-1, 0-0, 1-0
26.12.2020	Sweden – Slovakia	4 – 2 0-0, 3-0, 1-2
27.12.2020	Czech Republic – Sweden	3 – 1 1-0, 0-1, 2-0
27.12.2020	Switzerland – Slovakia	2 – 3 OT 0-0, 0-1, 2-1
29.12.2020	Sweden – Switzerland	2 – 0 1-0, 0-0, 1-0
29.12.2020	Slovakia – Czech Republic	1 – 5 0-1, 0-2, 1-2

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Czech Republic	3	2	0	1	0	+5	9:4	7
2	Sweden	3	2	0	0	1	+2	7:5	6
3	Switzerland	3	0	1	1	1	-2	4:6	3
4	Slovakia	3	0	1	0	1	-5	6:11	2

## Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
30.12.2019	Switzerland – Slovakia	4 – 1 4-0, 0-0, 0-1
1.1.2020	Slovakia – Switzerland	1 – 2 1-0, 0-2, 0-0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Switzerland	2	2	0	0	0	+4	6:2	6
2	Slovakia	2	0	0	0	2	-4	2:6	0

## Playoff Round

### QUARTER-FINALS

Date	Game	Score
30.12.2019	Finland – Czech Republic	3 – 1 2-0, 1-0, 0-1
30.12.2019	Russia – Sweden	4 – 0 2-0, 0-0, 2-0

### SEMI-FINALS

Date	Game	Score
1.1.2020	Canada – Finland	4 – 1 3-0, 0-0, 1-1
1.1.2020	USA – Russia	3 – 0 2-0, 1-0, 0-0

### 5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE GAME

Date	Game	Score
1.1.2020	Czech Republic – Sweden	0 – 1 0-0, 0-0, 0-1

### BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
2.1.2020	Russia – Finland	6 – 1 2-0, 1-0, 3-1

### GOLD MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score
2.1.2020	Canada – USA	1 – 2 OT 0-1, 0-0, 1-0



USA's Kiara Zanon scores the overtime winning goal against Canada in the women's U18 gold medal game.

Photo: Chris Tanouye/HHOF-IIHF Images

**Final Placing****USA****CANADA****RUSSIA**4 Finland  
5 Sweden6 Czech Republic  
7 Switzerland

8 Slovakia

Slovakia is relegated to the 2021 U18 Women's World Championship Division I.

**IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS**

Best Goaltender	Anna Alpatova	RUS
Best Defenceman	Nelli Laitinen	FIN
Best Forward	Kristi Shashkina	RUS

**ALL-STAR TEAM**

Goaltender	Anna Alpatova	RUS
Defenceman	Sanni Rantala	FIN
Defenceman	Kendall Cooper	CAN
Forward	Eden Lacey	USA
Forward	Laura Zimmermann	SUI
Forward	Jenna Buglioni	CAN
MVP	Kristi Shashkina	RUS

**USA WINS GOLD IN OT THRILLER**

Two years, two straight overtime games between Canada and USA in the IIHF U18 Women's World Championship.

This time though, it would be the States that would emerge with gold on their necks following a tense and thrilling overtime period that ended on the stick of Kiara Zanon, who on a 2-0 break following a forced turnover from USA captain Maggie Niicholson was able to slot the puck home to give Team USA its eighth Women's U18 gold medal. The victory also marks the fifth time in six years that the Americans have taken home gold.

In the bronze medal game, Russia took care of business in a convincing 6-1 victory over Finland. For Russia, this is their third medal in this tournament, all bronze, and their first since 2017. But if anything, this tournament certainly showed that the program has its eyes set on competing with the USA and Canada in the not so distant future. Tournament MVP Kristi Shashkina is the first Russian ever to lead the U18 Women's Worlds in scoring (4+4=8). As the gap between North America and Europe continues to narrow, this marks the second straight year that the scoring champ comes from a European nation.

Russia's Ilona Markova celebrates with the third place trophy after defeating Finland in the bronze medal game. Photo: Chris Tanouye / HHOF-IIHF Images





## 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP A FUSSEN, GERMANY

### Round Robin

Date	Game	Score	
3.1.2020	France – Japan	0 – 5	0-1, 0-2, 0-2
3.1.2020	Italy – Germany	0 – 5	0-2, 0-1, 0-2
3.1.2020	Denmark – Hungary	1 – 2 PSS	0-0, 1-0, 0-1
4.1.2020	Japan – Italy	5 – 0	1-0, 3-0, 1-0
4.1.2020	Hungary – France	4 – 1	1-0, 2-1, 1-0
4.1.2020	Germany – Denmark	3 – 0	1-0, 0-0, 2-0
6.1.2020	France – Italy	2 – 1	0-0, 0-0, 2-1
6.1.2020	Japan – Denmark	7 – 0	3-0, 2-0, 2-0
6.1.2020	Germany – Hungary	2 – 1 PSS	0-0, 1-0, 0-1
7.1.2020	Italy – Denmark	6 – 4	1-3, 3-0, 2-1
7.1.2020	Hungary – Japan	1 – 2	0-1, 1-1, 0-0
7.1.2020	Germany – France	6 – 0	1-0, 3-0, 2-0
8.1.2020	Denmark – France	0 – 2	0-0, 0-1, 0-1
8.1.2020	Hungary – Italy	2 – 3 PSS	0-1, 1-0, 1-1
8.1.2020	Japan – Germany	1 – 2	0-0, 0-0, 1-2

### Final Placing



GERMANY



JAPAN



HUNGARY

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Germany	5	4	1	0	0	+16	18:2	14
2	Japan	5	4	0	0	1	+17	20:3	12
3	Hungary	5	1	1	2	1	+1	10:9	7
4	France	5	2	0	0	3	-11	5:16	6
5	Italy	5	1	1	0	3	-8	10:18	5
6	Denmark	5	0	0	1	4	-15	5:20	1

Germany is promoted to the 2021 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship.  
Denmark is relegated to the 2021 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I Group B.

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Sofie Disl	GER
Best Defenceman	Ronja Hark	GER
Best Forward	Yumeka Wajima	JPN



## 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I GROUP B KATOWICE, POLAND

### Round Robin

Date	Game	Score	
2.1.2020	China – Great Britain	3 – 2 OT	0-1, 0-1, 2-0
2.1.2020	Korea – Austria	0 – 4	0-1, 0-2, 0-1
2.1.2020	Poland – Norway	0 – 1	0-0, 0-1, 0-0
3.1.2020	Great Britain – Korea	1 – 0	0-0, 0-0, 1-0
3.1.2020	Norway – China	1 – 2 OT	1-1, 0-0, 0-0
3.1.2020	Austria – Poland	2 – 1 OT	0-1, 0-0, 1-0
5.1.2020	Austria – China	4 – 0	4-0, 0-0, 0-0
5.1.2020	Norway – Great Britain	7 – 1	3-1, 2-0, 2-0
5.1.2020	Korea – Poland	2 – 1	1-1, 1-0, 0-0
7.1.2020	Norway – Korea	2 – 3 OT	0-1, 1-1, 1-0
7.1.2020	Great Britain – Austria	0 – 3	0-1, 0-0, 0-2
7.1.2020	Poland – China	1 – 3	0-1, 0-1, 1-1
8.1.2020	Austria – Norway	1 – 2	0-0, 0-1, 1-1
8.1.2020	China – Korea	4 – 2	0-1, 1-0, 3-1
8.1.2020	Great Britain – Poland	1 – 5	0-0, 0-2, 1-3

### Final Placing



NORWAY



AUSTRIA



CHINA

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Norway	5	3	0	2	0	+6	13:7	11
2	Austria	5	3	1	0	1	+11	14:3	11
3	China	5	2	2	0	1	+2	12:10	10
4	Korea	5	1	1	0	3	-5	7:12	5
5	Poland	5	1	0	1	3	-1	8:9	4
6	Great Britain	5	1	0	1	3	-13	5:18	4

Norway is promoted to the 2021 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I Group A. Great Britain is relegated to the 2021 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division II Group A.

### IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Selma Luggin	AUT
Best Defenceman	Karolina Hengelmüller	AUT
Best Forward	Silje Gundersen	NOR



# 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP A EINDHOVEN, NETHERLANDS

## Round Robin

Date	Game	Score	
25.1.2020	Chinese Taipei – Netherlands	2 – 1	0-1, 0-0, 2-0
25.1.2020	Kazakhstan – Australia	2 – 3 OT	0-0, 1-1, 1-1
26.1.2020	Netherlands – Australia	2 – 0	2-0, 0-0, 0-0
26.1.2020	Kazakhstan – Chinese Taipei	3 – 4 OT	1-1, 1-1, 1-1
28.1.2020	Australia – Chinese Taipei	3 – 4	1-1, 1-1, 1-2
28.1.2020	Netherlands – Kazakhstan	4 – 1	0-0, 3-0, 1-1

## Final Placing



CHINESE TAIPEI



NETHERLANDS



AUSTRALIA

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Chinese Taipei	3	2	1	0	0	+3	10 : 7	8
2	Netherlands	3	2	0	0	1	+4	7 : 3	6
3	Australia	3	0	1	0	2	-2	6 : 8	2
4	Kazakhstan	3	0	0	2	1	-5	6 : 11	2

Chinese Taipei is promoted to the 2021 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I Group B. Kazakhstan is relegated to the 2021 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division II Group B.

## IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Emma Fondse	NED
Best Defenceman	Yang-Chi Lin	TPE
Best Forward	Esther De Jong	NED



# 2020 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION II GROUP B MEXICO, MEXICO CITY

## Round Robin

Date	Game	Score	
28.1.2020	Turkey – New Zealand	3 – 2	1-0, 2-0, 0-2
28.1.2020	Mexico – Spain	2 – 3	0-0, 0-0, 2-3
29.1.2020	Spain – New Zealand	6 – 1	1-0, 2-0, 3-1
29.1.2020	Turkey – Mexico	2 – 0	0-0, 1-0, 1-0
30.1.2020	Spain – Turkey	9 – 0	3-0, 4-0, 2-0
30.1.2020	New Zealand – Mexico	1 – 2	0-1, 1-1, 0-0

## Final Placing

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Spain	3	3	0	0	0	+15	18 : 3	9
2	Turkey	3	2	0	0	1	-6	5 : 11	6
3	Mexico	3	1	0	0	2	-2	4 : 6	3
4	New Zealand	3	0	0	0	3	-7	4 : 11	0

Spain is promoted to the 2021 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division II Group A.

## Playoff Round

### SEMI-FINALS

Date	Game	Score	
1.2.2020	Spain – New Zealand	2 – 1 OT	0-0, 1-0, 0-1
1.2.2020	Turkey – Mexico	4 – 2	1-0, 1-1, 2-1

### BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score	
2.2.2020	New Zealand – Mexico	3 – 6	1-4, 1-0, 1-2

### GOLD MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score	
2.2.2020	Spain – Turkey	7 – 0	3-0, 1-0, 3-0



SPAIN



TURKEY



MEXICO

## IIHF DIRECTORATE BEST PLAYER AWARDS

Best Goaltender	Lilly Forbes	NZL
Best Defenceman	Maria Hagerman	MEX
Best Forward	Haizea Fernandez	ESP
	De Romarategui	









# MEN'S OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION



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## Preliminary Round 1

### GROUP N – KOCKELSCHEUER, LUXEMBOURG

Date	Game	Score	
08.11.19	United Arab Emirates – Kyrgyzstan	4 – 9	2-1, 2-3, 0-5
08.11.19	Bosnia & Herzegovina – Luxembourg	1 – 10	0-4, 0-5, 1-1
09.11.19	United Arab Emirates – Bosnia & Herzegovina	6 – 3	3-1, 2-1, 1-1
09.11.19	Luxembourg – Kyrgyzstan	3 – 5	1-0, 0-4, 2-1
10.11.19	Kyrgyzstan – Bosnia & Herzegovina	15 – 3	5-2, 2-0, 8-1
10.11.19	Luxembourg – United Arab Emirates	4 – 5	2-2, 2-2, 0-1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Kyrgyzstan	3	3	0	0	0	+19	29 : 10	9
2	United Arab Emirates	3	2	0	0	1	-1	15 : 16	6
3	Luxembourg	3	1	0	0	2	+6	17 : 11	3
4	Bosnia & Herzegovina	3	0	0	0	3	-24	7 : 31	0

Kyrgyzstan advances to the Men's Olympic Qualification Round 2 Group K



## Preliminary Round 1

### GROUP O – SANYA, CHINA

Date	Game	Score	
07.11.19	Chinese Taipei – Thailand	5 – 3	1-1, 0-0, 4-2
07.11.19	Kuwait – Hong Kong, China	0 – 12	0-4, 0-3, 0-5
08.11.19	Chinese Taipei – Kuwait	8 – 0	0-0, 5-0, 3-0
08.11.19	Hong Kong, China – Thailand	2 – 7	0-3, 1-1, 1-3
10.11.19	Thailand – Kuwait	11 – 1	2-0, 4-0, 5-1
10.11.19	Hong Kong, China – Chinese Taipei	5 – 7	1-2, 2-2, 2-3

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Chinese Taipei	3	3	0	0	0	+12	20 : 8	9
2	Thailand	3	2	0	0	1	+13	21 : 8	6
3	Hong Kong, China	3	1	0	0	2	+5	19 : 14	3
4	Kuwait	3	0	0	0	3	-30	1 : 31	0

Chinese Taipei advances to the Men's Olympic Qualification Round 2 Group L



## Preliminary Round 2

### GROUP K – BRASOV, ROMANIA

Date	Game	Score	
13.12.19	Iceland – Kyrgyzstan	9 – 4	2-0, 2-2, 5-2
13.12.19	Israel – Romania	0 – 15	0-1, 0-4, 0-10
14.12.19	Iceland – Israel	5 – 0	1-0, 2-0, 2-0
14.12.19	Romania – Kyrgyzstan	18 – 2	3-0, 7-1, 8-1
15.12.19	Kyrgyzstan – Israel	4 – 5 OT	3-1, 1-1, 0-2
15.12.19	Romania – Iceland	10 – 1	4-0, 4-0, 2-1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Romania	3	3	0	0	0	+40	43 : 3	9
2	Iceland	3	2	0	0	1	+1	15 : 14	6
3	Israel	3	0	1	0	2	-19	5 : 24	2
4	Kyrgyzstan	3	0	0	1	2	-22	10 : 32	1

Romania advances to the Men's Olympic Qualification Round 3 Group J



## Preliminary Round 2

### GROUP L – BARCELONA, SPAIN

Date	Game	Score	
13.12.19	Mexico – Netherlands	1 – 17	1-6, 0-5, 0-6
13.12.19	Spain – Chinese Taipei	11 – 0	3-0, 4-0, 4-0
14.12.19	Netherlands – Chinese Taipei	14 – 1	4-1, 7-0, 3-0
14.12.19	Spain – Mexico	15 – 1	4-1, 4-0, 7-0
15.12.19	Chinese Taipei – Mexico	7 – 1	3-0, 3-0, 1-1
08.01.20	Netherlands – Spain	5 – 3	1-1, 2-2, 2-0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Netherlands	3	3	0	0	0	+31	36 : 5	9
2	Spain	3	2	0	0	1	+23	29 : 6	6
3	Chinese Taipei	3	1	0	0	2	-18	8 : 26	3
4	Mexico	3	0	0	0	3	-36	3 : 39	0

Netherlands advances to the Men's Olympic Qualification Round 3 Group H

## Preliminary Round 2

### GROUP M – SISAK, CROATIA

Date	Game	Score	
13.12.19	Serbia – Turkey	8 – 3	6-0, 1-3, 1-0
13.12.19	Bulgaria – Croatia	1 – 12	0-3, 0-2, 1-7
14.12.19	Serbia – Bulgaria	7 – 0	1-0, 4-0, 2-0
14.12.19	Croatia – Turkey	10 – 2	2-1, 4-0, 4-1
15.12.19	Turkey – Bulgaria	4 – 1	1-0, 3-1, 0-0
15.12.19	Croatia – Serbia	2 – 1	1-0, 0-1, 1-0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Croatia	3	3	0	0	0	+20	24 : 4	9
2	Serbia	3	2	0	0	1	+11	16 : 5	6
3	Turkey	3	1	0	0	2	-10	9 : 19	3
4	Bulgaria	3	0	0	0	3	-21	2 : 23	0

Croatia advances to the Men's Olympic Qualification Round 3 Group G





### Preliminary Round 3

#### GROUP G – JESENICE, SLOVENIA

Date	Game	Score	
6.2.2020	Japan – Croatia	9 – 0	4-0, 2-0, 3-0
6.2.2020	Lithuania – Slovenia	2 – 12	0-4, 1-3, 1-5
7.2.2020	Japan – Lithuania	4 – 0	4-0, 0-0, 0-0
7.2.2020	Slovenia – Croatia	7 – 0	1-0, 4-0, 2-0
9.2.2020	Croatia – Lithuania	1 – 3	0-2, 0-0, 1-1
9.2.2020	Slovenia – Japan	6 – 2	0-1, 1-0, 5-1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Slovenia	3	3	0	0	0	+21	25 : 4	9
2	Japan	3	2	0	0	1	+9	15 : 6	6
3	Lithuania	3	1	0	0	2	-12	5 : 17	3
4	Croatia	3	0	0	0	3	-18	1 : 19	0

Slovenia advances to the Men's Final Olympic Qualification Group F



### Preliminary Round 3

#### GROUP H – NUR-SULTAN, KAZAKHSTAN

Date	Game	Score	
6.2.2020	Poland – Netherlands	8 – 0	3-0, 4-0, 1-0
6.2.2020	Ukraine – Kazakhstan	1 – 8	1-5, 0-2, 0-1
7.2.2020	Poland – Ukraine	6 – 1	1-1, 2-0, 3-0
7.2.2020	Kazakhstan – Netherlands	7 – 1	3-0, 1-1, 3-0
9.2.2020	Netherlands – Ukraine	0 – 3	0-1, 0-2, 0-0
9.2.2020	Kazakhstan – Poland	2 – 3	0-1, 2-1, 0-1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Poland	3	3	0	0	0	+14	17 : 3	9
2	Kazakhstan	3	2	0	0	1	+12	17 : 5	6
3	Ukraine	3	1	0	0	2	-9	5 : 14	3
4	Netherlands	3	0	0	0	3	-17	1 : 18	0

Poland advances to the Men's Final Olympic Qualification Group D

### Preliminary Round 3

#### GROUP J – NOTTINGHAM, GREAT BRITAIN

Date	Game	Score	
6.2.2020	Hungary – Estonia	4 – 1	1-0, 2-1, 1-0
6.2.2020	Great Britain – Romania	4 – 3	2-1, 2-1, 0-1
8.2.2020	Hungary – Romania	3 – 2 OT	1-1, 0-0, 1-1
8.2.2020	Estonia – Great Britain	1 – 7	0-0, 1-4, 0-3
9.2.2020	Romania – Estonia	7 – 3	2-2, 2-0, 3-1
9.2.2020	Great Britain – Hungary	1 – 4	0-0, 0-2, 1-2

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Hungary	3	2	1	0	0	+7	11 : 4	8
2	Great Britain	3	2	0	0	1	+4	12 : 8	6
3	Romania	3	1	0	1	1	+2	12 : 10	4
4	Estonia	3	0	0	0	3	-13	5 : 18	0

Hungary advances to the Men's Final Olympic Qualification Group E







First Round

GROUP A – TURKEY, ISTANBUL

Date	Game	Score	
20.9.2019	Skautafelag Akureyrar – Crvena Zvezda Belgrade	1 – 6	1-2, 0-2, 0-2
20.9.2019	Irbis-Skate Sofia – Zeytinburnu Istanbul	3 – 5	1-1, 1-2, 1-2
21.9.2019	Irbis-Skate Sofia – Skautafelag Akureyrar	3 – 0	1-0, 1-0, 1-0
21.9.2019	Crvena Zvezda Belgrade – Zeytinburnu Istanbul	6 – 2	1-1, 2-1, 3-0
22.9.2019	Crvena Zvezda Belgrade – Irbis-Skate Sofia	5 – 3	0-0, 4-2, 1-1
22.9.2019	Zeytinburnu Istanbul – Skautafelag Akureyrar	4 – 3	0-0, 1-3, 3-0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Crvena Zvezda Belgrade	3	3	0	0	0	+11	17 : 6	9
2	Zeytinburnu Istanbul	3	2	0	1	1	-1	11 : 12	6
3	Irbis-Skate Sofia	3	1	0	0	2	-1	9 : 10	3
4	Skautafelag Akureyrar	3	0	0	0	3	-9	4 : 13	0

GROUP B – MECHELEN, BELGIUM

Date	Game	Score	
20.9.2019	Txuri Urdin San Sebastian – KHL Zagreb	7 – 1	5-0, 0-1, 2-0
20.9.2019	HYC Herentals – HC Bat Yam	7 – 4	1-3, 2-0, 4-1
21.9.2019	KHL Zagreb – HC Bat Yam	12 – 4	4-0, 5-2, 3-2
21.9.2019	HYC Herentals – Txuri Urdin San Sebastian	2 – 5	0-3, 0-1, 2-1
22.9.2019	HC Bat Yam – Txuri Urdin San Sebastian	4 – 5	0-1, 3-1, 1-3
22.9.2019	KHL Zagreb – HYC Herentals	4 – 2	1-0, 3-2, 0-0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Txuri Urdin San Sebastian	3	9	0	0	0	+10	17 : 7	9
2	KHL Zagreb	3	6	0	0	1	+4	17 : 13	6
3	HYC Herentals	3	3	0	0	2	-2	11 : 13	3
4	HC Bat Yam	3	0	0	0	3	-12	12 : 24	0



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## Second Round

### GROUP C – BROVARY, UKRAINE

Date	Game	Score	
18.10.2019	Corona Brasov – Mogo Riga	3 – 5	0-2, 0-1, 3-2
18.10.2019	HC Donbass – Crvena Zvezda Belgrade	7 – 0	2-0, 2-0, 3-0
19.10.2019	Mogo Riga – Crvena Zvezda Belgrade	6 – 1	2-0, 1-1, 3-0
19.10.2019	HC Donbass – Corona Brasov	7 – 1	2-0, 2-1, 3-0
20.10.2019	Crvena Zvezda Belgrade – Corona Brasov	4 – 7	0-2, 2-3, 2-2
20.10.2019	Mogo Riga – HC Donbass	2 – 3 PSS	0-0, 0-1, 2-1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	HC Donbass	3	2	1	0	0	+14	17 : 3	8
2	Mogo Riga	3	2	0	1	0	+6	13 : 7	7
3	Corona Brasov	3	1	0	0	2	-5	11 : 16	3
4	Crvena Zvezda Belgrade	3	0	0	0	3	-15	5 : 20	0

### GROUP D – RITTEN, ITALY

Date	Game	Score	
18.10.2019	Ferencvarosi TC – Txuri Urdin San Sebastian	6 – 0	3-0, 2-0, 1-0
18.10.2019	Olimpija Ljubljana – Ritten Sport	1 – 2 SO	0-1, 1-0, 0-0
19.10.2019	Ferencvarosi TC – Olimpija Ljubljana	3 – 2	2-2, 1-0, 0-0
19.10.2019	Ritten Sport – Txuri Urdin San Sebastian	10 – 1	1-1, 4-0, 5-0
20.10.2019	Txuri Urdin San Sebastian – Olimpija Ljubljana	1 – 6	0-0, 0-3, 1-3
20.10.2019	Ritten Sport – Ferencvarosi TC	1 – 3	1-2, 0-0, 0-1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Ferencvarosi TC	3	3	0	0	0	+9	12 : 3	9
2	Ritten Sport	3	1	1	0	1	+8	13 : 5	5
3	Olimpija Ljubljana	3	1	0	1	1	+3	9 : 6	4
4	Txuri Urdin San Sebastian	3	0	0	0	3	-20	2 : 22	0

## Third Round

### GROUP D – VOJENS, DENMARK

Date	Game	Score	
15.11.2019	Amiens Gothiques – Nottingham Panthers	2 – 4	1-1, 0-2, 1-1
15.11.2019	SonderjyskE Vojens – Ferencvarosi TC	3 – 1	1-0, 1-1, 1-0
16.11.2019	Nottingham Panthers – Ferencvarosi TC	2 – 3	1-1, 0-2, 1-0
16.11.2019	SonderjyskE Vojens – Amiens Gothiques	3 – 1	0-0, 0-1, 3-0
17.11.2019	Ferencvarosi TC – Amiens Gothiques	1 – 5	0-0, 0-2, 1-3
17.11.2019	Nottingham Panthers – SonderjyskE Vojens	4 – 2	1-0, 3-1, 0-1

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Nottingham Panthers	3	2	0	0	1	+3	10 : 7	6
2	SonderjyskE Vojens	3	2	0	0	1	+2	8 : 6	6
3	Amiens Gothiques	3	1	0	0	2	0	8 : 8	3
4	Ferencvarosi TC	3	1	0	0	2	-5	5 : 10	3

### GROUP E – KRAKOW, POLAND

Date	Game	Score	
15.11.2019	Neman Grodno – HC Donbass	4 – 3 OT	2-0, 0-1, 1-2
15.11.2019	Cracovia Krakow – Beibarys Atyrau	3 – 2	2-1, 0-0, 1-1
16.11.2019	Beibarys Atyrau – HC Donbass	3 – 5	1-1, 1-3, 1-1
16.11.2019	Neman Grodno – Cracovia Krakow	4 – 1	0-0, 4-0, 0-1
17.11.2019	Beibarys Atyrau – Neman Grodno	4 – 2	2-2, 2-0, 0-0
17.11.2019	HC Donbass – Cracovia Krakow	1 – 2 SO	0-0, 0-1, 1-0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Neman Grodno	3	1	1	0	1	+2	10 : 8	5
2	Cracovia Krakow	3	1	1	0	1	-1	6 : 7	5
3	HC Donbass	3	1	0	2	0	0	9 : 9	5
4	Beibarys Atyrau	3	1	0	0	2	-1	9 : 10	5

## Final

### VOJENS, DENMARK

Date	Game	Score	
10.1.2020	Neman Grodno – Cracovia Krakow	2 – 0	0-0, 2-0, 0-0
10.1.2020	SonderjyskE Vojens – Nottingham Panthers	2 – 1 SO	0-0, 0-1, 1-0
11.1.2020	Nottingham Panthers – Cracovia Krakow	4 – 3	0-2, 1-1, 3-0
11.1.2020	Neman Grodno – SonderjyskE Vojens	3 – 4 OT	0-0, 1-1, 2-2
12.1.2020	Cracovia Krakow – SonderjyskE Vojens	1 – 3	0-1, 0-1, 1-1
12.1.2020	Nottingham Panthers – Neman Grodno	4 – 3	0-2, 3-1, 1-0

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	SonderjyskE Vojens	3	7	2	0	0	+4	9 : 5	7
2	Nottingham Panthers	3	7	0	1	0	+1	9 : 8	7
3	Neman Grodno	3	4	0	1	1	0	8 : 8	4
4	Cracovia Krakow	3	0	0	0	3	-5	4 : 9	0







# SOUTHEAST ASIA GAMES

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## MANILA, PHILIPPINES

### Preliminary Round

#### GROUP A

Date	Game	Score	
01.12.19	Indonesia – Thailand	0 – 14	0-5, 0-5, 0-4
01.12.19	Malaysia – Philippines	1 – 15	0-4, 1-6, 0-5
02.12.19	Singapore – Indonesia	8 – 2	3-1, 3-0, 2-1
03.12.19	Thailand – Malaysia	16 – 0	5-0, 5-0, 6-0
03.12.19	Philippines – Singapore	5 – 3	0-1, 1-0, 4-2
04.12.19	Indonesia – Philippines	1 – 8	0-2, 1-0, 0-6
05.12.19	Malaysia – Indonesia	5 – 4	0-0, 4-1, 1-3
05.12.19	Thailand – Singapore	12 – 2	4-2, 3-0, 5-0
06.12.19	Singapore – Malaysia	14 – 3	5-0, 5-1, 4-2
06.12.19	Philippines – Thailand	1 – 10	0-3, 1-4, 0-3

RK	TEAM	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GDF	GF:GA	PTS
1	Thailand	4	4	0	0	0	+49	52 : 3	12
2	Philippines	4	3	0	0	1	+14	29 : 13	9
3	Singapore	4	2	0	0	2	+5	27 : 22	6
4	Malaysia	4	1	0	0	3	-40	9 : 49	3
5	Indonesia	4	0	0	0	4	-29	7 : 35	0

### Playoff Round

#### SEMI-FINALS

Date	Game	Score	
7.12.2019	Thailand – Malaysia	15 – 0	6-0, 6-0, 3-0
7.12.2019	Philippines – Singapore	3 – 4	2-0, 0-2, 1-3

#### BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score	
8.12.2019	Philippines – Malaysia	17 – 1	4-0, 7-0, 6-1

#### GOLD MEDAL GAME

Date	Game	Score	
8.12.2019	Thailand – Singapore	8 – 0	3-0, 2-0, 3-0

### Final Placing



THAILAND



SINGAPORE



PHILIPPINES

4 Malaysia

5 Indonesia



Thailand celebrates a goal against Singapore in the final.  
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# REFEREES AND LINESMEN

## ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2019/2020 SEASON

### IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Czech Republic, Ostrava and Trinec, 26.12.2019 – 05.01.2020

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Belarus, Minsk, 09.12.2019 – 15.12.2019

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Ukraine, Kyiv, 12.12.2019 – 18.12.2019

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Lithuania, Vilnius, 06.01.2020 – 12.01.2020

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Korea, Gangneung, 28.01.2020 – 03.02.2020

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Bulgaria, Sofia, 13–19.01.2020

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Iceland, Akureyri, 23 – 29.02.2020

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Bulgaria, Sofia, 04–10.12.2019

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**IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

Slovakia, Bratislava, 26.12.2019–02.01.2020

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Germany, Füssen, 03 – 09.01.2020

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Poland, Katowice, 02–08.01.2019

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Netherlands, Eindhoven, 25–28.01.2020

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Mexico, Mexico City, 28.01–02.02.2020

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Turkey, Istanbul, 20–22.09.2019

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Belgium, Mechelen, 20–22.09.2019

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Ukraine, Brovary, 18–20.10.2019

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Italy, Ritten, 18–20.10.2019

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Denmark, Vojens, 15–17.11.2019

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Denmark, Vojens, 15.–17.11.2019

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Denmark, Vojens, 10–12.01.2020

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Luxembourg, Kockelscheuer, 8–10.11.2019

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China, Sanya, 7–10.11.2019

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Yusoff, Mohamad Faris Hakim	MAS	Tam, Weng Leong MAC
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**OLYMPIC PRE-QUALIFICATION ROUND 2, MEN GROUP K**

Romania, Brasov, 12–15.12.2019

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Spain, Barcelona, 13–15.12.2019

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Croatia, Sisak, 13–15.12.2019

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Slovenia, Jesenice, 13–15.12.2019

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Kazakhstan, Nur-Sultan, 06–09.02.2020

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Great Britain, Nottingham, 06–09.02.2020

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Switzerland, Lausanne 10–22.01.2020

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**ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES**

Switzerland, Lausanne 10–22.01.2020

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# IIHF CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM

## 2020/2021

Note: Groups, dates, and venues subject to change.

### MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP A	GROUP B
Russia	Canada
Sweden	Finland
Czech Republic	United States
Switzerland	Germany
Slovakia	Latvia
Denmark	Norway
Belarus	Italy
Great Britain	Kazakhstan

BLR, Minsk & LAT, Riga : 21.05-06.06.2021

#### DIVISION I

GROUP A	GROUP B
France	Lithuania
Austria	Poland
Korea	Japan
Slovenia	Estonia
Hungary	Ukraine
Romania	Serbia

SLO, Ljubljana;  
09-15.05.2021

POL, Katowice;  
26.04-02.05.2021

#### DIVISION II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Netherlands	Belgium
Croatia	Iceland
Australia	New Zealand
Spain	Georgia
China	Mexico
Israel	Bulgaria

CHINA, Beijing;  
10-16.04.2021

ISL, Reykjavik;  
18-24.04.2021

#### DIVISION III

GROUP A	GROUP B
DPR Korea	South Africa
Turkey	Hong Kong, China
Turkmenistan	Thailand
Luxembourg	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Chinese Taipei	
United Arab Emirates	

LUX, Kockelscheuer;  
18-24.04.2021

RSA, Cape Town;  
19-22.04.2021

#### DIVISION IV

Kuwait	Philippines
Kyrgyzstan	Singapore
Malaysia	

KGZ, Bishkek; 08-14.03.2021

### U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### 2021 IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP A	GROUP B
Canada	Russia
Finland	Sweden
Switzerland	United States
Slovakia	Czech Republic
Germany	Austria

CAN, Edmonton: 25.12.2020-05.01.2021

#### IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

2021	BLR, Minsk & LAT, Riga	21.05-06.06.2021
2022	FIN, Tampere & Helsinki	13-29.5.2022
2023	RUS, St. Petersburg	5-21.5.2023
2024	CZE, Prague, Ostrava	
2025	SWE, TBD & DEN, TBD	

#### IIHF ICE HOCKEY U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

2022	CAN, Edmonton & Red Deer	26.12.2021-5.1.2022
2023	RUS, Novosibirsk	26.12.2022-5.1.2023
2024	SWE, Gothenburg	26.12.2023-5.1.2024



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### 2020/2021

#### U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

##### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP A	GROUP B
Sweden	Russia
Canada	United States
Belarus	Czech Republic
Latvia	Finland
Switzerland	Germany

USA, Plymouth & Ann Arbor: 15-25.04.2021

##### DIVISION I

GROUP A	GROUP B
Slovakia	Ukraine
Kazakhstan	Austria
Denmark	Hungary
Norway	Italy
France	Slovenia
Japan	Poland

SVK, Spisska Nova  
Ves: 05-11.04.2021

ITA, Asiago:  
18-25.04.2021

##### DIVISION II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Great Britain	Spain
Lithuania	China
Estonia	Netherlands
Romania	Croatia
Korea	Australia
Serbia	Bulgaria

EST, Tallinn;  
04-10.04.2021

BUL, Sofia:  
21-27.03.2021

##### DIVISION III

GROUP A	GROUP B
Belgium	New Zealand
Israel	Hong Kong, China
Iceland	South Africa
Turkey	Luxembourg
Mexico	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Chinese Taipei	Kyrgyzstan

TUR, Istanbul:  
29.03-04.04.2021

LUX, Kockelscheuer:  
27.03-03.04.2021

#### WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

##### 2021 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP A	GROUP B
United States	Japan
Canada	Czech Republic
Finland	Germany
Russia	Denmark
Switzerland	Hungary

CAN, Halifax, Truro: 07-17.04.2021

##### DIVISION I

GROUP A	GROUP B
Sweden	Italy
France	Korea
Norway	Poland
Austria	China
Slovakia	Kazakhstan
Netherlands	Slovenia

FRA, Angers:  
18-24.04.2021

CHN, Beijing:  
08-14.04.2021

##### DIVISION II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Latvia	Australia
Great Britain	New Zealand
Spain	Iceland
Mexico	Turkey
DPR Korea	Croatia
Chinese Taipei	Souht Africa

ESP, Jaca:  
10-16.04.2021

CRO, Zagreb:  
07-13.03.2021

##### DIVISION III

Ukraine	Lithuania
Belgium	Hong Kong, China
Romania	Estonia
Bulgaria	Bosnia and Herzegovina

LTU, Kaunas : 15-21.03.2021

## MEN'S OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION

## FINAL OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION

GROUP D	GROUP E	GROUP F
Slovakia	Latvia	Norway
Belarus	France	Denmark
Austria	Italy	Korea
Poland	Hungary	Slovenia
<b>SVK, TBD;</b> <b>26–29.8.2021</b>	<b>LAT, Riga;</b> <b>26–29.8.2021</b>	<b>NOR, TBD;</b> <b>26–29.8.2021</b>

## WOMEN'S OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION

WOMENS OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION  
PRELIMINARY ROUND 1

## GROUP J

Iceland  
Hong Kong, China  
Bulgaria  
Lithuania

ISL, Reykjavik: TBD

WOMENS OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION  
PRELIMINARY ROUND 2

## GROUP F

Korea  
Great Britain  
Slovenia  
TBD

KOR, Gangneung:  
11-14.02.2021

## GROUP G

Italy  
Kazakhstan  
Spain  
Chinese Taipei

ITA, Torre Pellice:  
11-14.02.2021

## GROUP H

Netherlands  
Poland  
Mexico  
Turkey

POL, Gdansk:  
11-14.02.2021

## FINAL OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION

## GROUP C

Czech Republic  
Hungary  
Norway  
Qualifier 6

CZE, Pribram:  
26–29.09.2021

## GROUP D

Germany  
Denmark  
Austria  
Qualifier 5

GER, Fussen:  
26–29.09.2021

## GROUP E

Sweden  
France  
Slovakia  
Qualifier 4

SWE, TBD:  
26–29.09.2021

## NATIONAL TEAM BREAKS

2020/	1 <sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	24–30.8.2020
2021	2 <sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	2–8.11.2020
	3 <sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	14–20.12.2020
	4 <sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	8–14.2.2021
2021/	1 <sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	23–29.8.2021
2022	2 <sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	8–14.11.2021
	3 <sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	13–19.12.2021
	4 <sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	7–13.2.2022
2022/	1 <sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	22–28.8.2022
2023	2 <sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	7–13.11.2022
	3 <sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	12–18.12.2022
	4 <sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL BREAK	6–12.2.2023

## OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

2022	CHN, Beijing	4–20.2.2022
2026	ITA, Milan & Cortina d'Ampezzo	6–22.2.2026

## FISU WINTER GAMES

2021	SUI, Lucerne	TBD
2023	USA, Lake Placid	12-22.1.2023







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## Nike – Official Apparel Supplier of the IIHF

Nike, Inc. is the world's leading designer, marketer and distributor of authentic athletic footwear, apparel, equipment and accessories for a wide variety of sports and fitness activities. Since 1996, when Nike joined forces with the IIHF, it has produced the official IIHF uniforms at the Olympic Winter Games as well as for the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, IIHF World Junior Championship and IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship.



## Tissot – Official Timekeeper of the IIHF

Tissot has been involved with the Ice Hockey World Championships since 1998 and a partner of the IIHF for the same period. Indeed, currently Tissot is the award the players strive for at all levels of the IIHF Ice Hockey Championships for both men and women.

As the Official Timekeeper and Official Watch, Tissot is present and very visible at every game, and this year presented two men's and women's special edition Ice Hockey watches to the best player on each team in every match of the World Championships, a way for Tissot to honour these great players and thank them for the enjoyment and passion they bring to the sport.



Tissot ads on the boards and during award ceremonies were visible at tournaments like the World Juniors.



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The IIHF Equipment Support Program has been in operation since 1994, successfully bringing together equipment manufacturers to help grow ice hockey by distributing equipment to Member National Associations.

The program is now a well-established asset for international ice hockey development. It enables players new to ice hockey to experience the fun of playing and get involved for little or no cost. Some of our newest federations were able to bolster their development programs last season with on-ice training after receiving equipment through the IIHF Equipment Support Program.

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